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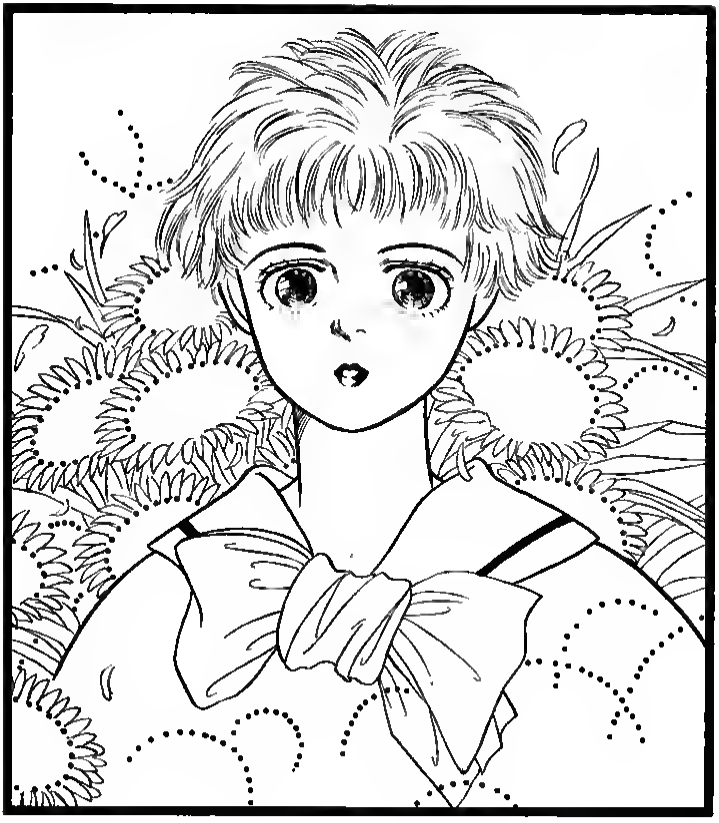

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I'M FINISHED, CUSTOMER-SAMA!
TSK.
IT'S SHORT.
IT'S WAAAAY TOOOO SHORT!!
THIS LOOKS NOTHING LIKE THE PICTURE I GAVE YOU!
YOU CAN'T JUST HAND ME A PICTURE OF SOME FOREIGNER.
JAPANESE HAIR IS DIFFERENT.
THERE ARE A LOT OF CUSTOMERS LIKE THAT AREN'T THERE?
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN WHY ARE THERE FOREIGNERS IN THE CATALOGUE YOU PROVIDE?
AND TOMORROW'S MY NEW SCHOOL'S OPENING CEREMONY...
THAT'S RIGHT STARTING TOMORROW.
I WILL BEGIN MY SECOND YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL
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WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU WEARING, NATSUME?!
ARE YOU PLANNING ON BECOMING THIS YEAR'S CLASS CLOWN?
THE HAIR-DRESS-ER..
SHE CUT OFF A BIT TOO MUCH.
AWWW, IT'S KINDA CUTE
IT SUITS YOU.
R.. REALLY?

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BY THE WAY, SOMETHING UNFORTU-NATE HAS HAPPENED
WE'VE BEEN PLIT INTO NEW CLASSES.
AND YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO'S BEEN SEPARATED FROM OUR GROUP
WHAT?
CLASS F
NO FAIIIR!
CLASS B
LIFE ISN'T FAIR, DEAL WITH IT
SEE YOU AROUND!
OUR CLASS IS THIS WAY, SO . RIGHT,
HEY, HAVE YOU SEEN ANY FRESH-MEN YET?
AH!
YES, I SAW A GROUP OF NOISY GIRLS
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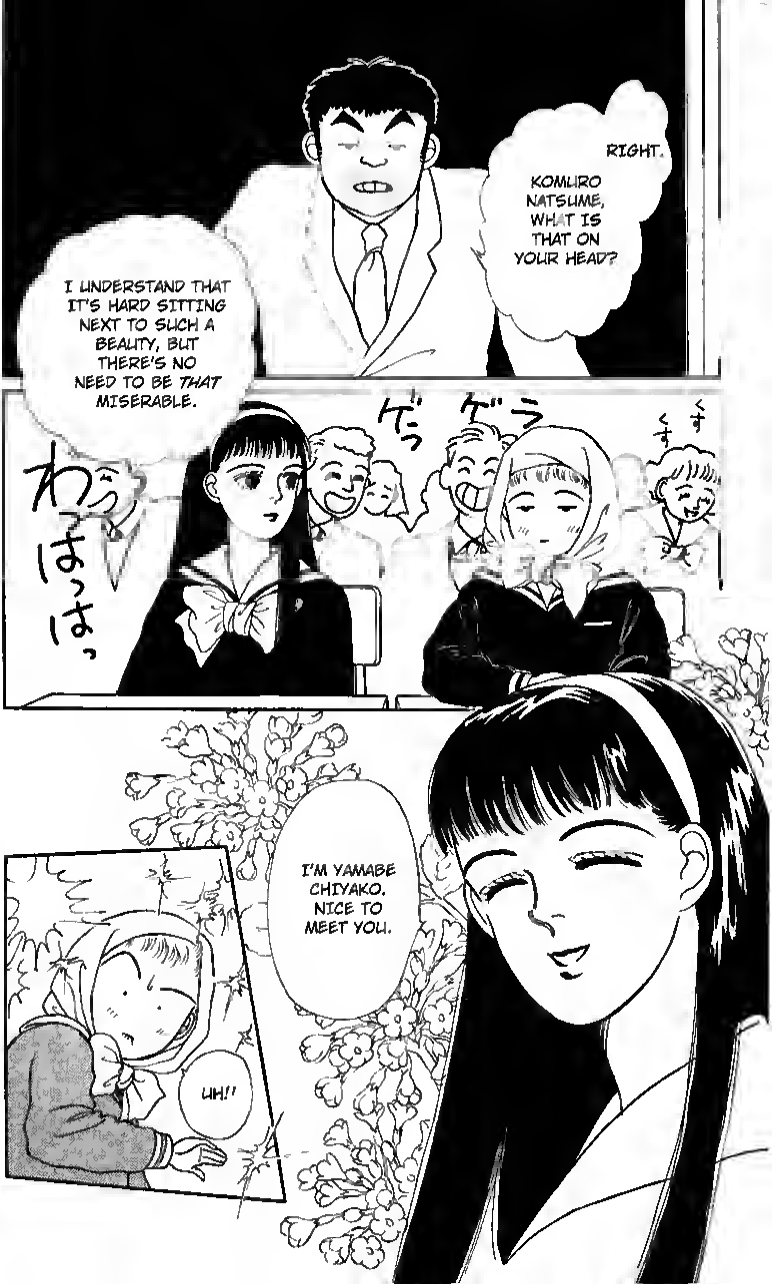
RIGHT.
KOMURO NATSUME, WHAT IS THAT ON YOUR HEAD?
I UNDERSTAND THAT IT'S HARD SITTING NEXT TO SUCH A BEAUTY, BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO BE THAT MISERABLE.
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I'M YAMABE CHIYAKO. NICE TO MEET YOU.
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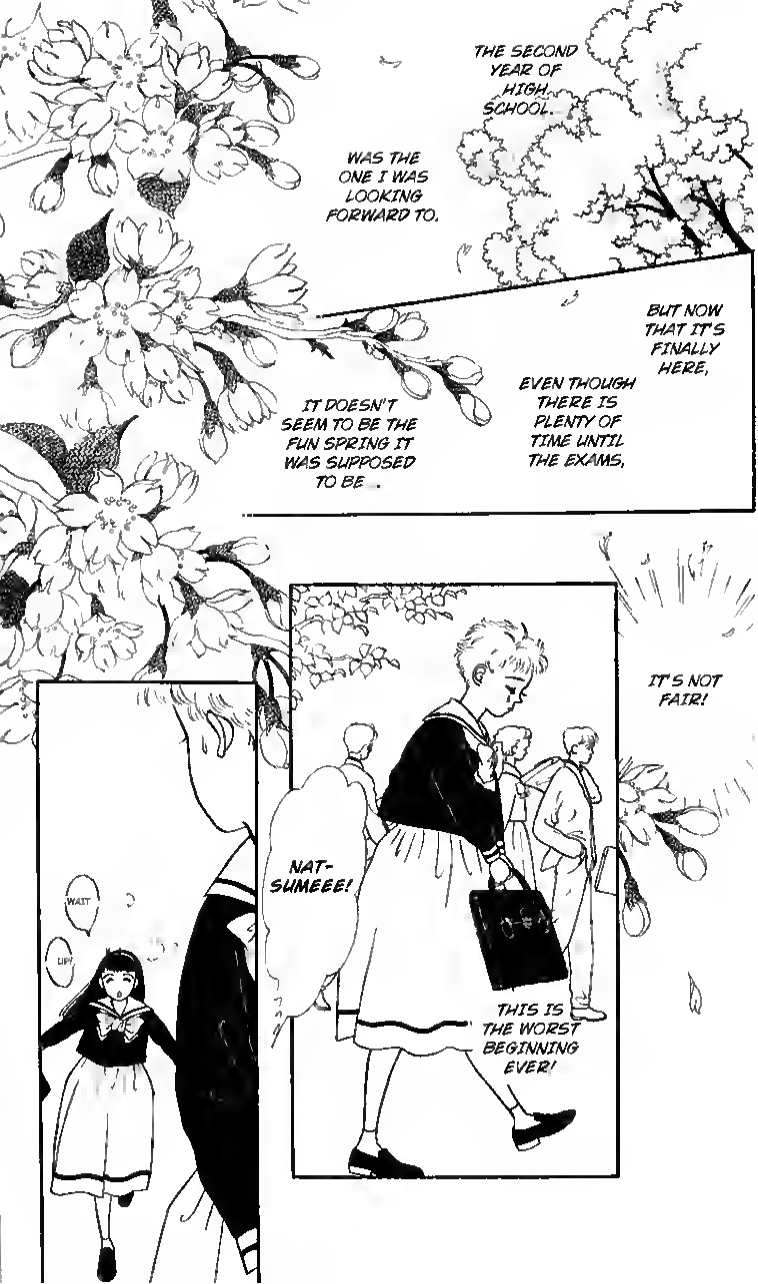
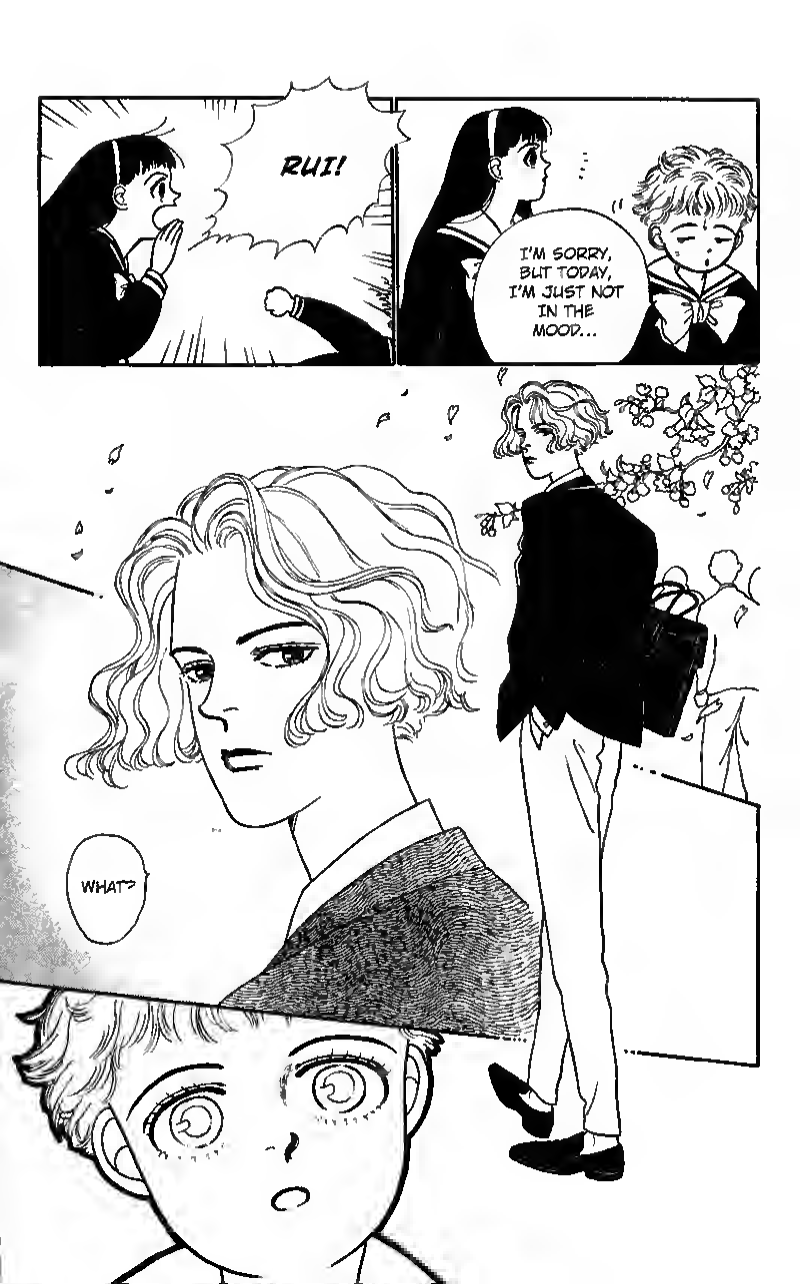

THE SECOND YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL
WAS THE ONE I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO.
BUT NOW THAT IT'S FINALLY HERE,
EVEN THOUGH THERE IS PLENTY OF TIME UNTIL THE EXAMS,
IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE THE FUN SPRING IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE...
IT'S NOT FAIR!
NAT-SUMEEE!
THIS IS THE WORST BEGINNING EVER!
WAIT!
UP!

TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, THE BEAUTIFUL GIRL WHO SITS NEXT TO ME IS BEING OVERLY FRIENDLY.
LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER!
BUT MY HOUSE IS IN ONE MAIN STREET.
I ACCIDENTALLY SHOUTED YOUR NAME
OOPS!
Don't hold back!
WELL, IN THAT CASE, I GUESS IT'S OKAY FOR YOU TO SHOUT TOO! IT'S "CHIYAKO", GO ON!
ISN'T THAT 3 STATIONS AWAY?!
MY HOUSE IS ON NEW STREET! THAT'S NEARBY!
EHHHH! REALLY?!
BEAUTY + MAKES SWEETS..
HUH?
MAKING SWEET THINGS IS MY SPECIALTY.
I HAVE AN IDEA!
WANNA COME TO MY HOUSE AND EAT PANCAKES?


RUI!
I'M SORRY, BUT TODAY, I'M JUST NOT IN THE MOOD...
WHAT?

TODAY, SOMEBODY'S GOING TO BE DROPPING BY ON HER WAY HOME. WE'RE GONNA EAT SOME OF THE FOREIGN FOOD PAPA TOLD US TO!
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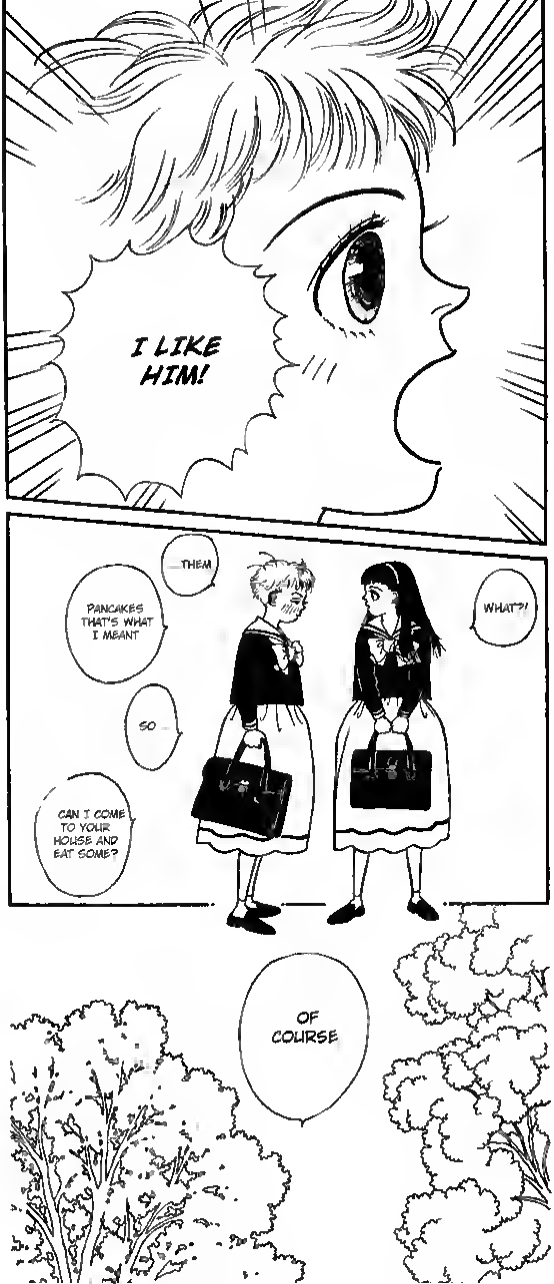
HE COULD HAVE AT LEAST REPLIED...
MY YOUNGER BROTHER. HE ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL THIS YEAR
HE'S SUCH AN INSOLENT LITTLE BOY
WHO...
THAT GUY. WHO IS HE ..?


I LIKE HIM!
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PANCAKES THAT'S WHAT I MEANT
WHAT?!
SO
CAN I COME TO YOUR HOUSE AND EAT SOME?
OF COURSE

WOW...
YOU HAVE A NICE HOUSE...
BEAUTY + MAKES SWEETS + LOADED, OH, MY...
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MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE I'LL GO PREPARE THE PANCAKE BATTER
LOOKS LIKE HE ISN'T BACK YET
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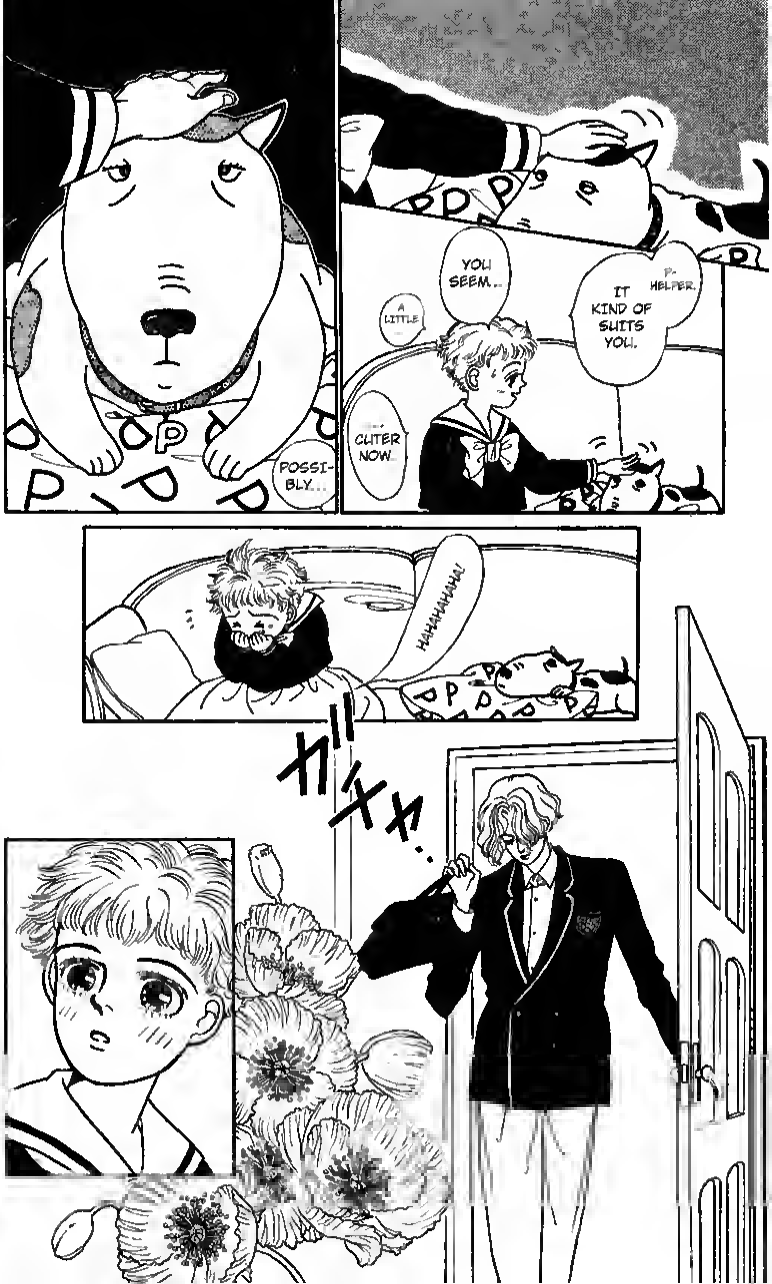
BWAAAH! HAHAHAHA! IS THIS DOG FOR REAL?!
YEAH. IT'S JUST THAT THIS IS THE WEIRDEST-LOOKING DOG I'VE EVER SEEN!
ARE YOU OKAY?
AH THAT DOG BELONGS TO MY BROTHER. HIS NAME IS P-HELPER.


POSSI-BLY...
YOU SEEM... A LITTLE...
IT KIND OF SUITS YOU. P- HELPER.
...CUTER NOW.
HAHAHAHAHA!
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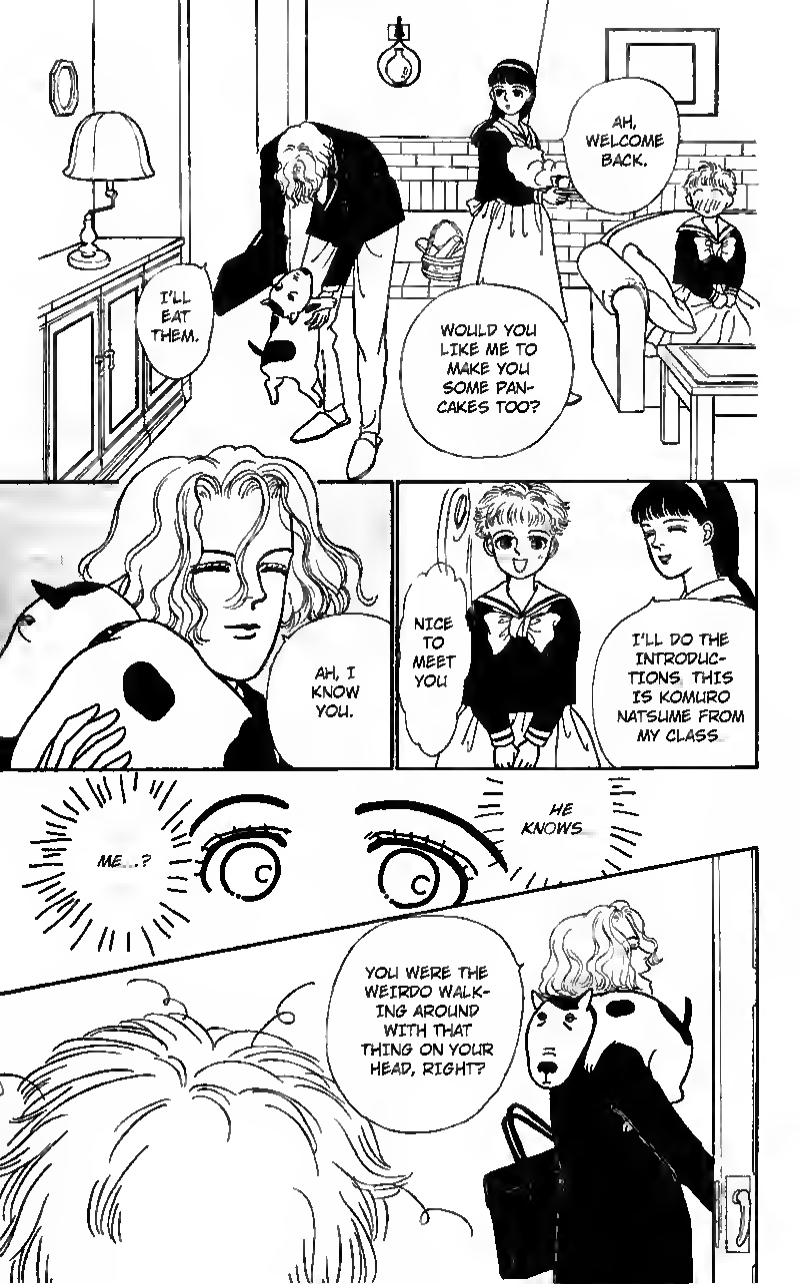
AH, WELCOME BACK.
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO MAKE YOU SOME PAN-CAKES TOO?
I'LL EAT THEM.
AH, I KNOW YOU.
NICE TO MEET YOU
I'LL DO THE INTRODUC-TIONS THIS IS KOMURO NATSUME FROM MY CLASS
HE KNOWS
ME..?
YOU WERE THE WEIRDO WALK-ING AROUND WITH THAT THING ON YOUR HEAD, RIGHT?

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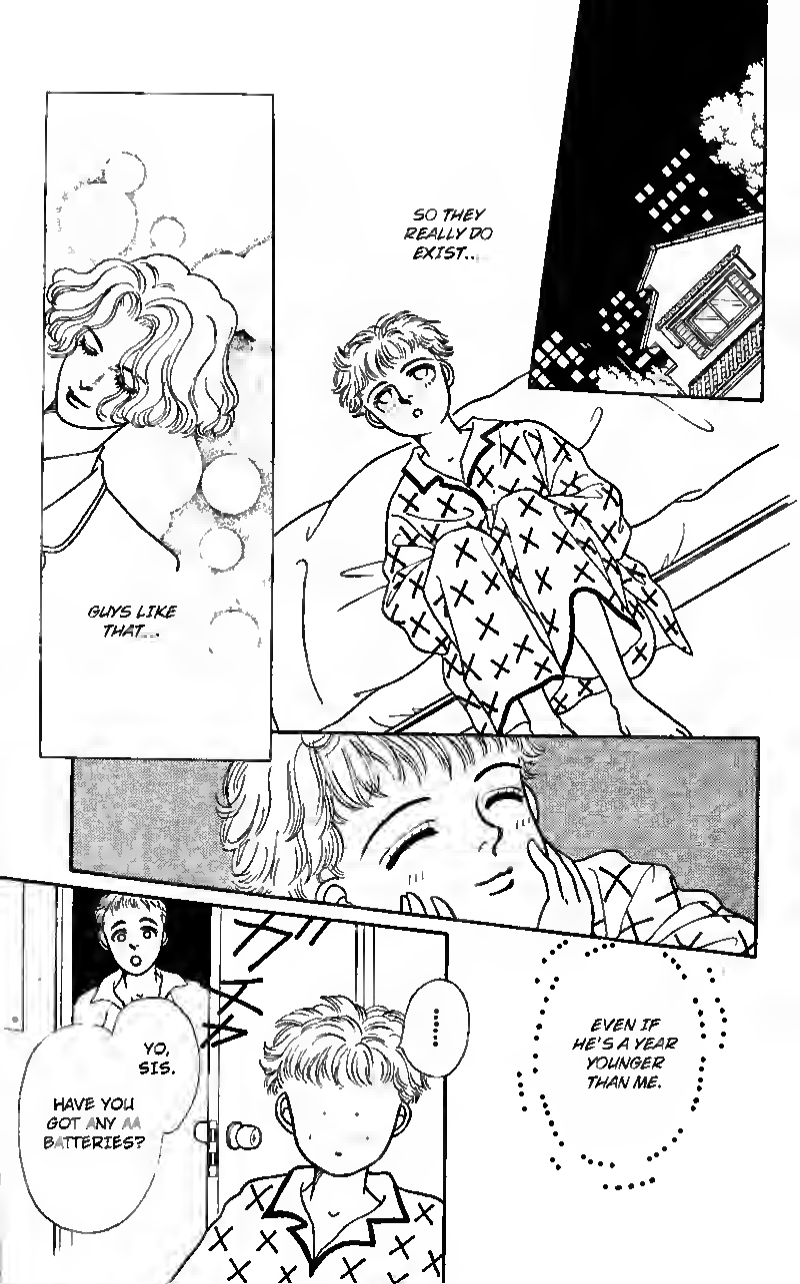
YOUR BROTHER SAID HE WAS GOING TO COME EAT THE PANCAKES, BUT...
WHAT'S UP?
HE NEVER CAME
WAS THAT A REFERENCE TO HOW I WAS WEARING MY NECKTIE BEFORE?
WHAT?!
HE'LL BE EATING THEM IN HIS OWN ROOM
Y...
YES! THEY'RE DELICIOUS! SO DELICIOUS!!
But your face is covered in cream
ARE MY PANCAKES REALLY THAT DELICIOUS?
She misunderstood
UMM.
BUT..
AWWW...
MAYBE HE'S JUST SHY!


SO THEY REALLY DO EXIST..
GUYS LIKE THAT...
EVEN IF HE'S A YEAR YOUNGER THAN ME.
YO, SIS.
HAVE YOU GOT ANY AA BATTERIES?

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WHY CAN'T MY YOUNGER BROTHER BE LIKE HIM?!
WHAT'S WITH YOU?
HAVE YOU GOT ANY, OR WHAT?
HMM? YOU WERE IN SUCH A BAD MOOD YESTERDAY, BUT YOU SEEM TO HAVE CHEERED UP.
WELL, THAT'S LIFE. COMING TO SCHOOL IS FUN, AFTER ALL
OH YEAH, NATSUME. DID YOU KNOW?
APPARENTLY, THERE'S A MALE FRESH-MAN WHO'S REALLY GOOD-LOOKING.
AH.

GOOD MORNING, RUI-KUN!
WOW. ♡
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MORNING.
THAT GUY IS...
THE FRESHMAN EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT.
YOU KNOW HIM?!
I ATE THE SAME PANCAKES AS HIM YESTERDAY. WE'RE FRIENDS.

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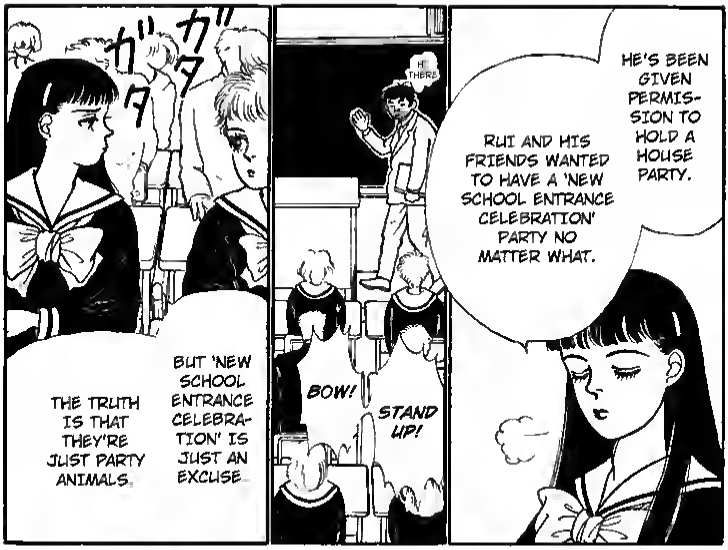
ACTUALLY RUI SAID "GOOD MORNING" TO ME EARLIER
GOOD MORNING.
DID SOMETHING GOOD HAPPEN? YOU LOOK REALLY HAPPY
MORNING!
TELL ME MORE ABOUT RUI, PLEASE!
ME TOO!
HE'S IN ONE OF HIS RARE GOOD MOODS TODAY.


HE'S BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION TO HOLD A HOUSE PARTY.
RUI AND HIS FRIENDS WANTED TO HAVE A 'NEW SCHOOL ENTRANCE CELEBRATION' PARTY NO MATTER WHAT.
HI THERE!
BOW!
STAND UP!
BUT 'NEW SCHOOL ENTRANCE CELEBRATION' IS JUST AN EXCUSE.
THE TRUTH IS THAT THEY'RE JUST PARTY ANIMALS.
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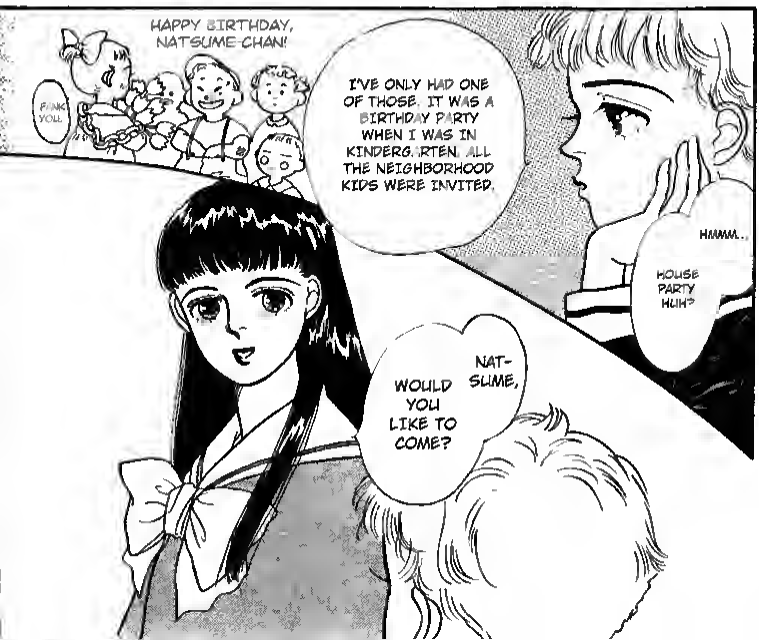
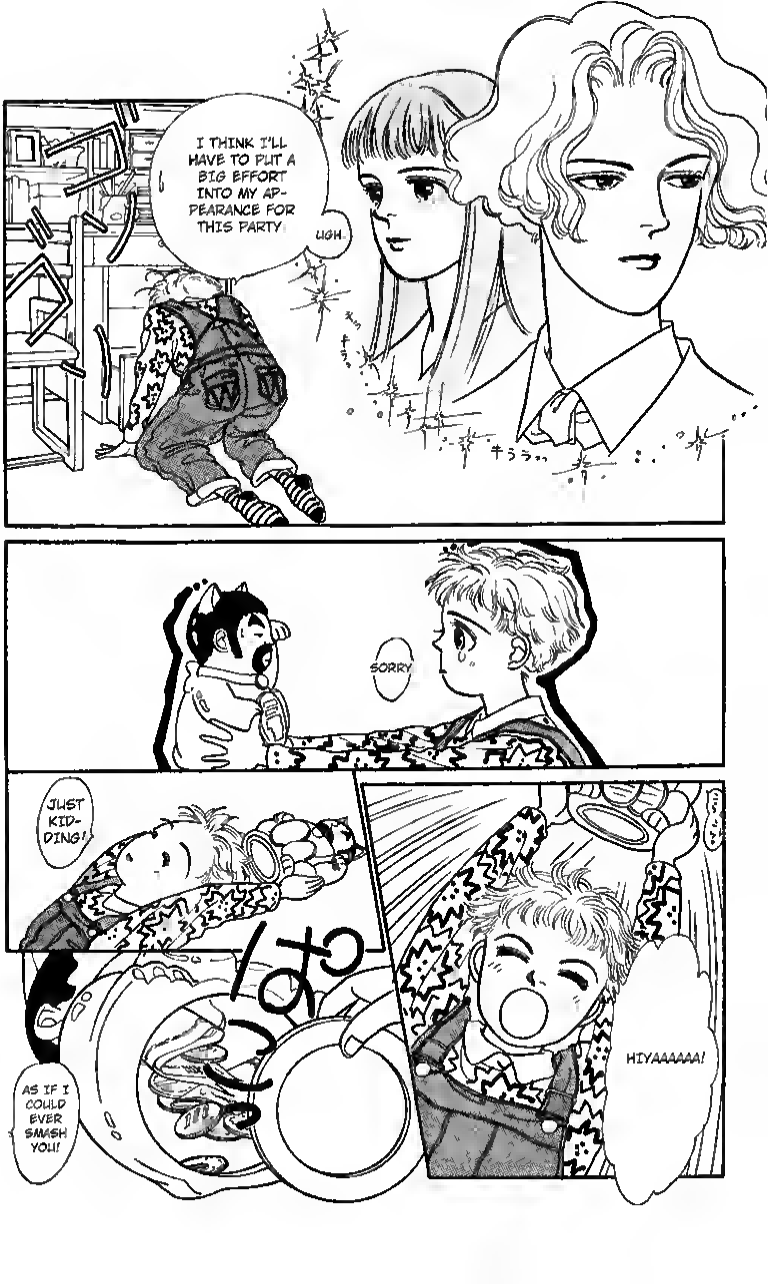

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, NATSUME-CHAN!
THANK YOU.
I'VE ONLY HAD ONE OF THOSE. IT WAS A BIRTHDAY PARTY WHEN I WAS IN KINDERGARTEN. ALL THE NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS WERE INVITED.
HMMM..
HOUSE PARTY HUH?
NATSUME, WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME?

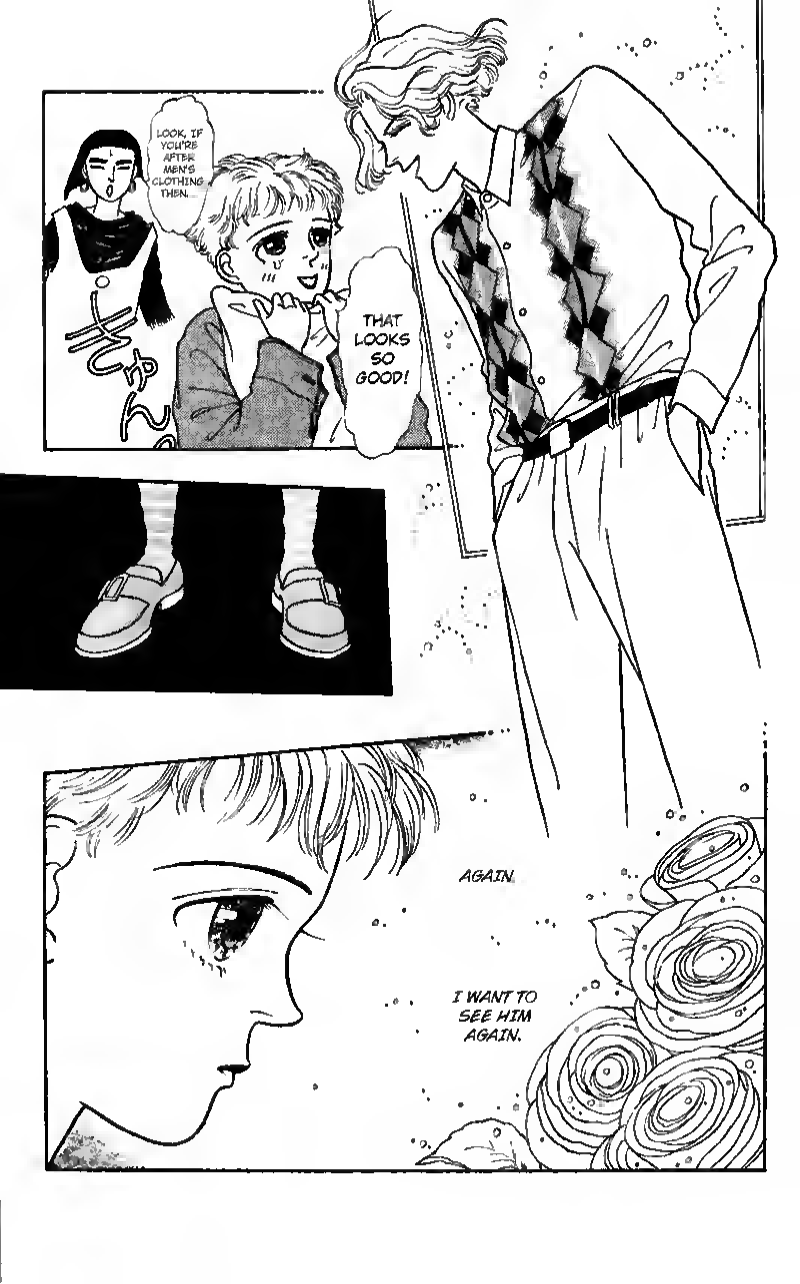
EH?!
REALLY? YOU'RE INVITING ME?
OF COURSE! BECAUSE YOU'RE MY FRIEND
I... I'M SO HAPPY!
SHE CALLED ME HER FRIEND!
EARTH TO BOTH OF YOU. HOMEROOM HAS STARTED ALREADY.
IT'S THIS SATURDAY.
SHE MUST LOVE PARTIES SO MUCH TO BE MOVED TO TEARS

NOTHING...
NOTHING...
I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING NICE TO WEAR TO THE PARTY!
IT'S FINE TO WEAR YOUR EVERYDAY CLOTHES
THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID, BUT...

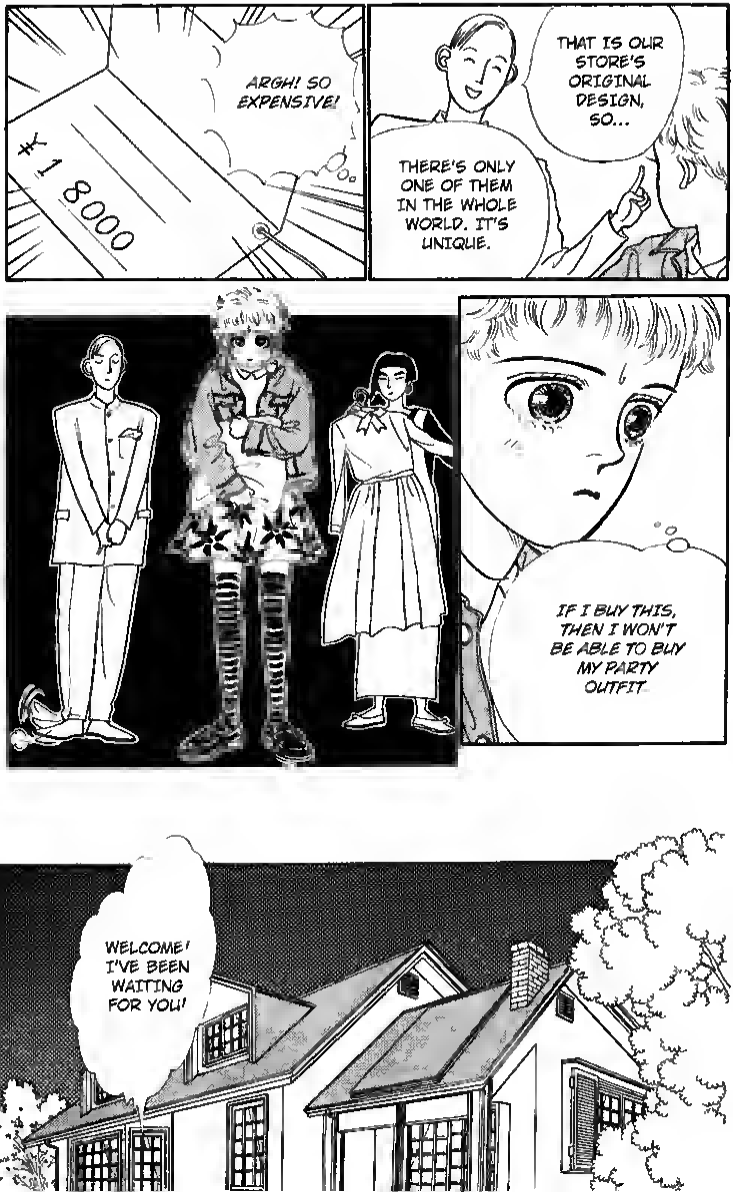

I THINK I'LL HAVE TO PUT A BIG EFFORT INTO MY APPEARANCE FOR THIS PARTY.
UGH.
SORRY
JUST KIDDING!
HIYAAAAAA!
AS IF I COULD EVER SMASH YOU!!

B&G SHOP
HMM... WHAT DO YOU THINK?
LET ME SEE .. IT REALLY SUITS YOU!
JUST HURRY UP AN' BUY SOMETHING, LITTLE GIRL!

CUSTOMER-SAMA, THAT'S THE MEN'S SECTION.
THIS WOULD SUIT RUI-KUN.


LOOK, IF YOU'RE AFTER MEN'S CLOTHING THEN.
THAT LOOKS SO GOOD!
AGAIN.
I WANT TO SEE HIM AGAIN.

HOWEVER .
THE SOUND OF MY HEART ISN'T LOUD ENOUGH YET.
THAT GUY IS A YEAR YOUNGER THAN ME...
YES, THAT'S RIGHT.
ONLY ONE YEAR! ONLY ONE! ONE! ONLY...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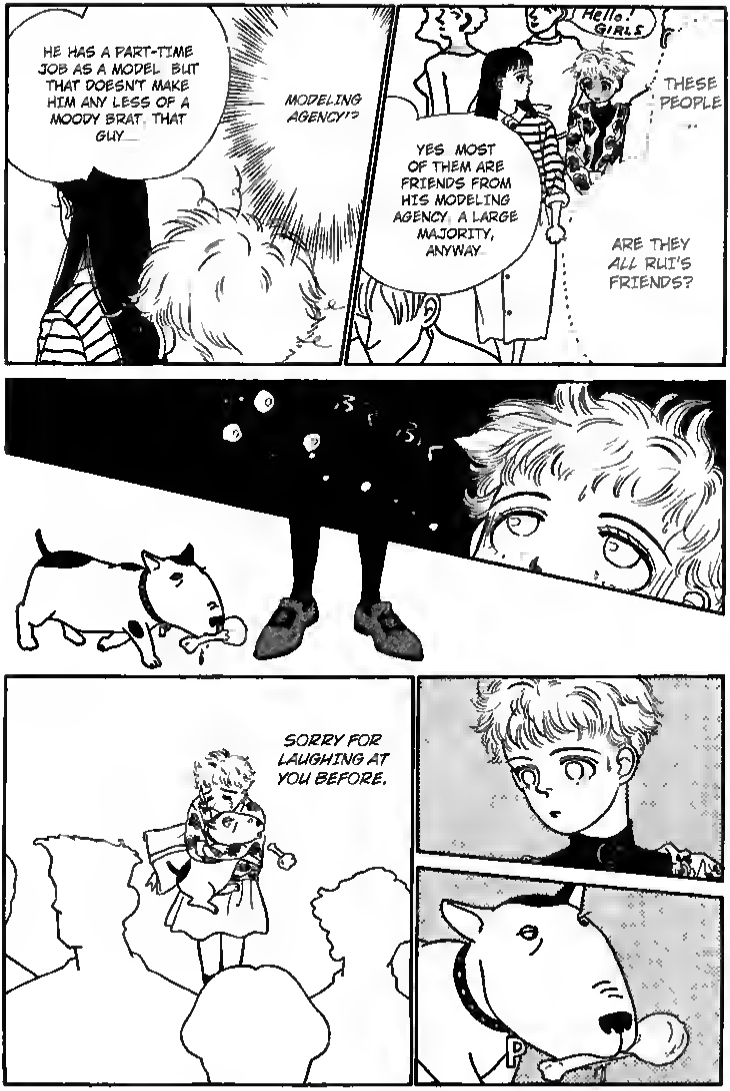
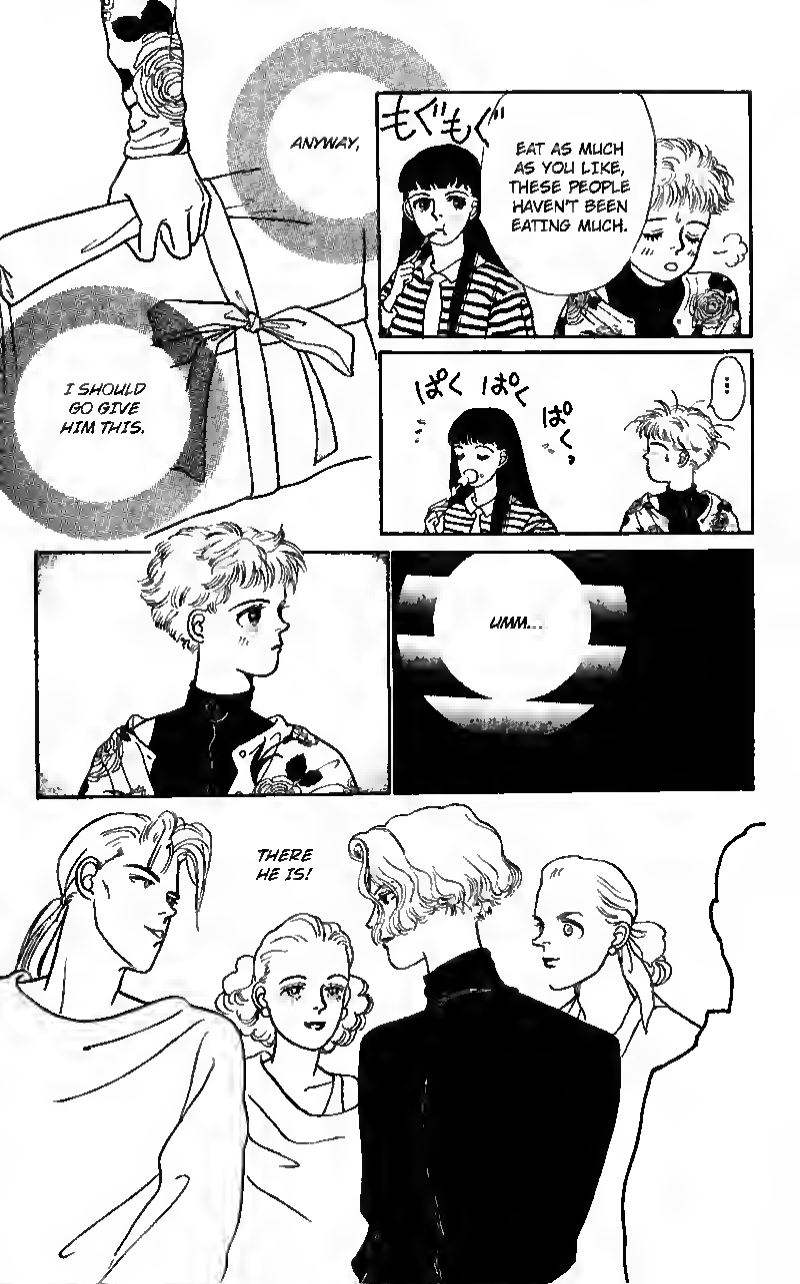
ARGH! SO EXPENSIVE!
THAT IS OUR STORE'S ORIGINAL DESIGN, SO...
THERE'S ONLY ONE OF THEM IN THE WHOLE WORLD. IT'S UNIQUE.
IF I BUY THIS, THEN I WON'T BE ABLE TO BUY MY PARTY OUTFIT
WELCOME! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!

YOU LOOK CUTE.
I TOLD YOU IT WAS FINE.
IS IT REALLY FINE TO WEAR EVERYDAY CLOTHES?
COME IN, THE PARTY'S ALREADY BEGUN.
IT SOUNDS LIVELY
Her mother's cardigan
WOAH!

THIS ROOM IS FULL OF BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE!
THERE ARE EVEN FOR-EIGNERS HERE!


HE HAS A PART-TIME JOB AS A MODEL. BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE HIM ANY LESS OF A MOODY BRAT. THAT GUY...
MODELING AGENCY!?
YES. MOST OF THEM ARE FRIENDS FROM HIS MODELING AGENCY. A LARGE MAJORITY, ANYWAY.
Hello! GIRLS
THESE PEOPLE...
ARE THEY ALL RUI'S FRIENDS?
SORRY FOR LAUGHING AT YOU BEFORE.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EAT AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE, THESE PEOPLE HAVEN'T BEEN EATING MUCH.
ANYWAY,
I SHOULD GO GIVE HIM THIS.
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UMM...
THERE HE IS!

SOMEWHERE WHERE THE OTHER PEOPLE AREN'T WATCHING...
UMM.
I HAVE SOMETHING TO GIVE YOU
THIS WAY
THANKS FOR INVITING ME TO YOUR PARTY TODAY.
I WASN'T THE ONE WHO INVITED YOU.
WHAT IS IT?
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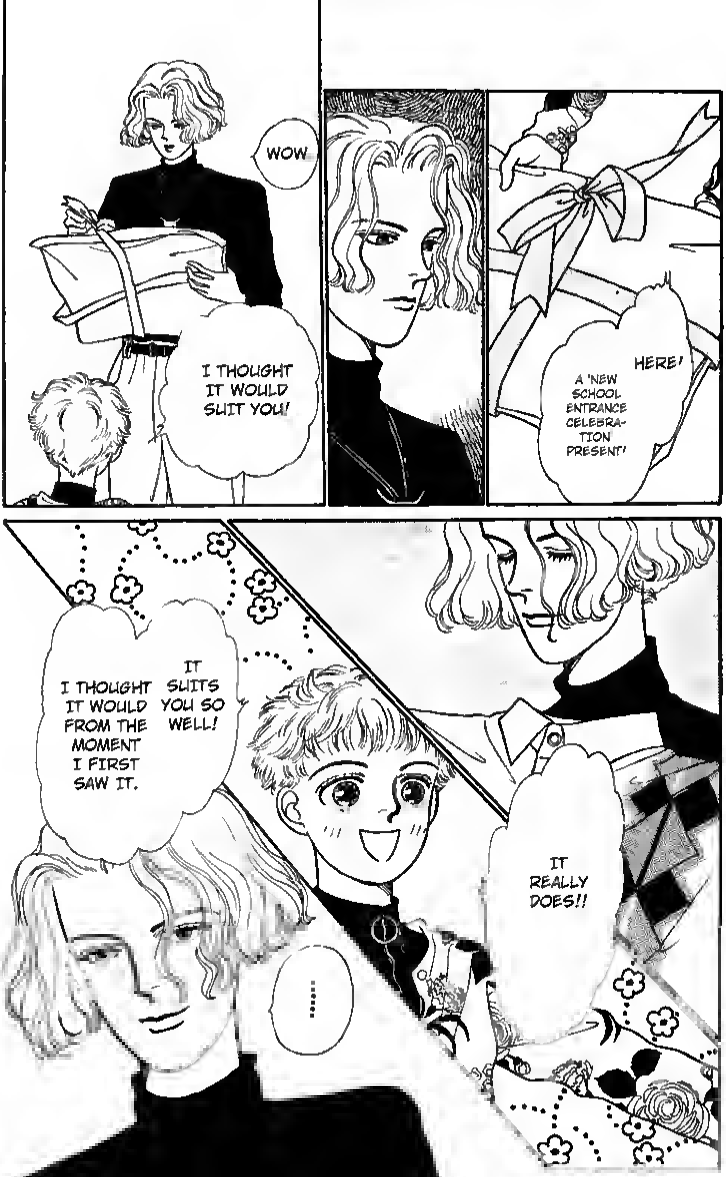
WOW
I THOUGHT IT WOULD SUIT YOU!
HERE!
A 'NEW SCHOOL ENTRANCE CELEBRATION PRESENT'
IT SUITS YOU SO WELL!
I THOUGHT IT WOULD FROM THE MOMENT I FIRST SAW IT.
IT REALLY DOES!!
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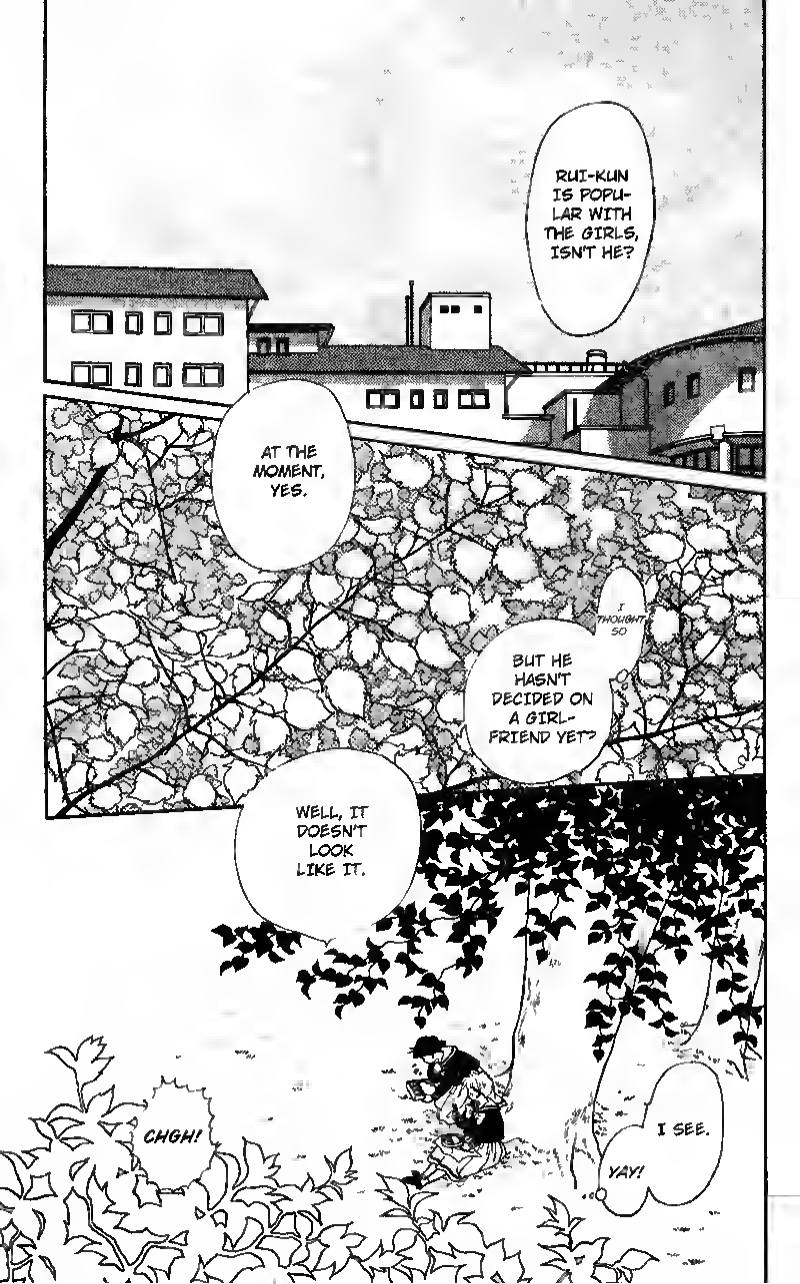
I WISH I HAD SOMETHING TO GIVE YOU TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE,
BUT I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING RIGHT NOW
NO!
YOU DON'T NEED TO GIVE ME ANYTHING
I WASN'T EXPECTING ANYTHING, SO...
HUH?
EH...?!
NO WAY!

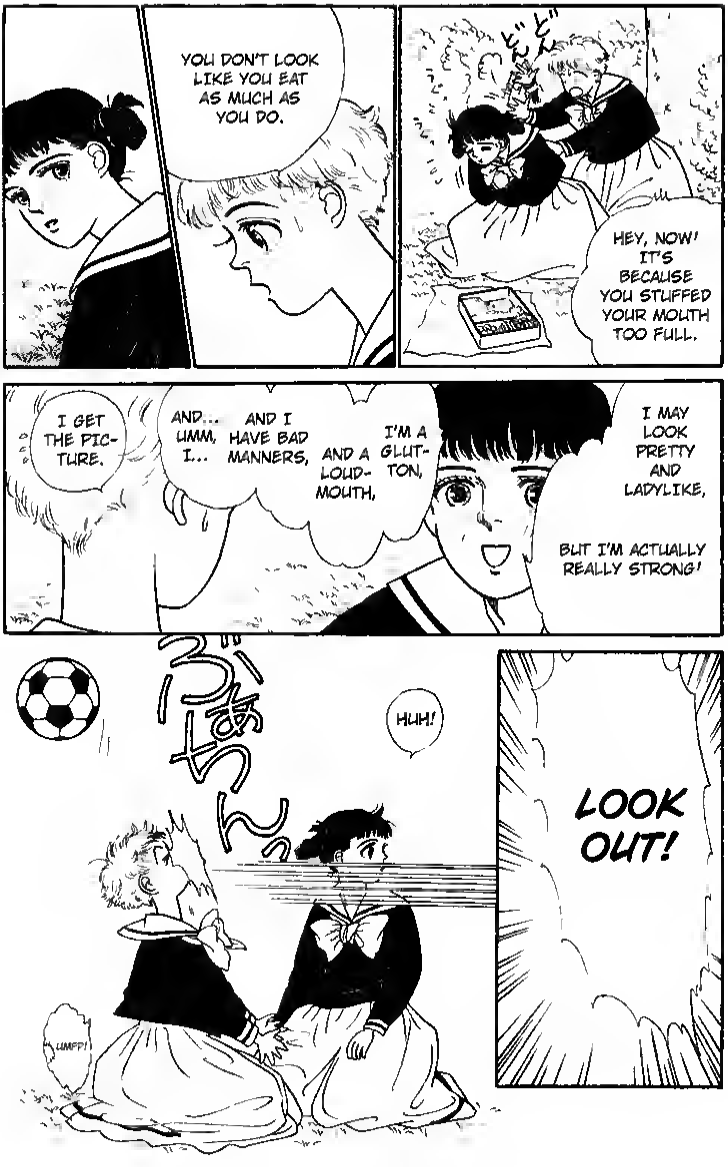
THANKS.
MY..
FIRST KISS..
WAS TAKEN BY RUI..

WOW...

RUI.
YOU'VE BEEN DRINKING AGAIN, HAVEN'T YOU?
WHEN HE DRINKS ALCOHOL, HE WANDERS AROUND KISSING EVERYONE.
ME TOO, RUI!
THEN, IT'S MY TURN!
NATSUME,
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?

DESSERT, NATSUME!
DESSERT HAS JUST BEEN PUT OUT!
I...
I WISH I HADN'T SEEN THAT.
IT SEEMS ...
THAT I DON'T..
FULLY UNDER-STAND...
HIS PERSONALITY YET.


RUI-KUN IS POPULAR WITH THE GIRLS, ISN'T HE?
AT THE MOMENT, YES.
I THOUGHT SO
BUT HE HASN'T DECIDED ON A GIRLFRIEND YET?
WELL, IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT.
I SEE.
YAY!
CHGH!


YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU EAT AS MUCH AS YOU DO.
HEY, NOW! IT'S BECAUSE YOU STUFFED YOUR MOUTH TOO FULL.
I GET THE PICTURE.
AND... UMM, I... AND I HAVE BAD MANNERS, AND A LOUD-MOUTH, I'M A GLUTTON,
I MAY LOOK PRETTY AND LADYLIKE,
BUT I'M ACTUALLY REALLY STRONG!
LOOK OUT!
HUH!
UMFF!

ARE YOU OKAY? ARE YOU HURT?! I'M SO SORRY!
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I'M SORRY! MY BAD!
LOOK AT HER! AND APOLOGIZE FOR YOUR MISTAKE!
ARE YOU BLIND?!
I'M OBVIOUSLY FINE! THE ONE WHO GOT HIT WAS NATSUME!
I.. I'M SORRY!
YEAH ...
Are you okay?
You poor thing!
Natsume.
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OH
YOU'RE LUCKY THAT BALL DIDN'T DO MORE DAMAGE.
NO. YOU NEED TO REST PROPERLY.
保健室
SERIOUSLY, I'M FINE. IT DOESN'T HURT AT ALL ANYMORE.
BUT THERE'S NO NURSE HERE.
I'LL COLLECT THE LESSON NOTES FROM SOMEONE ELSE LATER. NOW, WHERE'S THE ANTISEPTIC CREAM?
HUH? SOMEBODY'S SLEEPING THERE.

RUI-KUN!! ARE YOU UNWELL?
WHERE DOES IT HURT? YOUR FACE IS REALLY PALE.
SKIPPING CLASS AGAIN?
IT'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION THIS AFTERNOON.

UGH
YOU'RE ALWAYS SKIPPING LESSONS LIKE THIS!
SO WHAT?!
CALM DOWN, PLEASE. HE MIGHT ACTUALLY BE IN A BAD STATE FOR ALL WE KNOW.
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HE'S FAKING IT!
WAIT FOR ME! I'LL GO CALL THE NURSE!
RUI-KUN!
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NATSUME!

IT SEEMS THAT RUI-KUN IS A SERIAL CLASS SKIPPER

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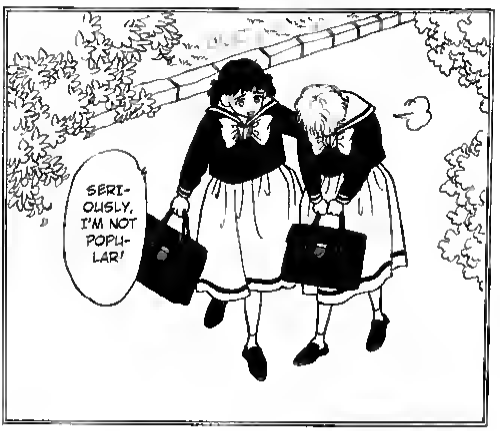
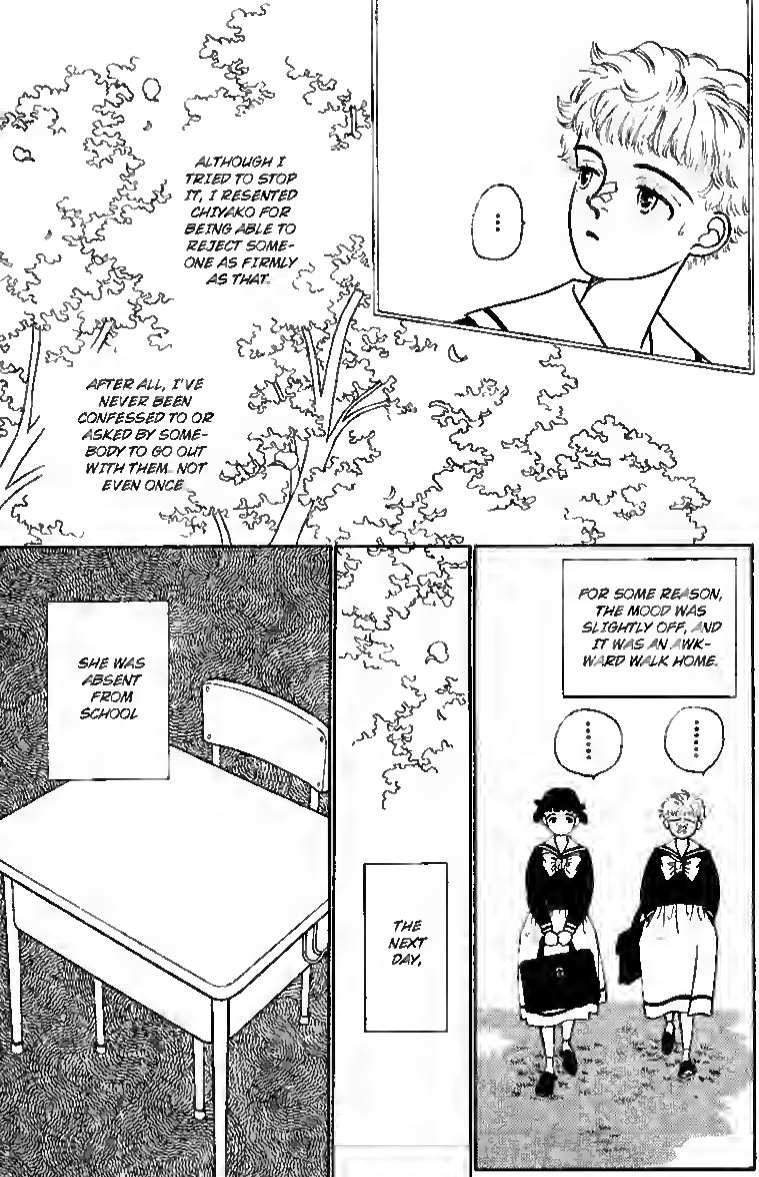
UMM.. EXCUSE ME.
IF... IF THERE'S NOBODY ELSE YOU LIKE, GO... I MEAN... PLEASE, WOULD YOU CONSIDER GOING OUT WITH ME?
...
YOU SEE, NATSUME? RIGHT?
I REALLY DON'T WANT A BOYFRIEND OR WHATEVER.
I... I CAN'T!
...
ANYWAY, IT'S DEFINITELY A NO!
SHOULDN'T YOU BE SAYING THIS TO HIM, NOT ME?

DEFINITELY A NO...
.....
HE WAS QUITE GOOD-LOOKING... AND HE DIDN'T SEEM PARTICULARLY WEIRD OR ANYTHING. HE SEEMED LIKE AN OKAY GUY...
MUST BE NICE, CHIYAKO! YOU'RE POPULAR WITH THE GUYS
I'M NOT POPULAR WITH THE GUYS!
I'M NOT! HONESTLY
ONLY A TINY BIT!



WELL, HE'S DEFINITELY POPULAR...


ALTHOUGH I TRIED TO STOP IT, I RESENTED CHIYAKO FOR BEING ABLE TO REJECT SOMEONE AS FIRMLY AS THAT.
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AFTER ALL, I'VE NEVER BEEN CONFESSED TO OR ASKED BY SOMEBODY TO GO OUT WITH THEM. NOT EVEN ONCE.
SHE WAS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL
THE NEXT DAY,
FOR SOME REASON, THE MOOD WAS SLIGHTLY OFF, AND IT WAS AN AWKWARD WALK HOME.
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CHIYAKO'S STOMACH HURTS, SO SHE'S SLEEPING AT HOME.
SHE SCARED ME YESTERDAY. SHE PUT TOO MUCH IN HER MOUTH AT ONE TIME AND CHOKED.
SHE MUST HAVE EATEN TOO MUCH.
I SEE SO THAT'S WHAT IT IS
HER STOM-ACH?
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HON-
ESTLY...
AND SHE WAS EATING IT ALL...
BUT YESTERDAY, SHE BROUGHT THAT GIGANTIC BENTO BOX...
NO WAY REALLY?!
ARE YOU KIDDING? SHE'S USUALLY SUCH A LIGHT EATER. SHE ALWAYS LEAVES MOST OF WHAT'S ON HER PLATE
SOMEHOW I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYMORE
?
THEN LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER.
ANYWAY, I'D LIKE TO VISIT HER.
YUP.
T... TO-
GETHER?

OUCH!
IT WAS OBVIOUSLY IRRITATING YOU. NOW YOU WON'T GET A RASH.
TH-THANK YOU.
SEE YOU AT THE GATE AFTER SCHOOL.

JUST THEN...
WHAT A GENTLE SMILE!
I'M UNINTENTIONALLY HOPING FOR SOMETHING MORE .
WE'RE GONNA GO HOME TOGETHER.
ALSO KIDDING!
JUST KIDDING!
LA LA LA
AT ANY RATE, WE'VE ESTABLISHED A RELATIONSHIP!
She's forgotten that the reason for this is that she's visiting a sick person.

What are you doing there on your own?
NAT-SUME.
NO, THANKS!
WE'RE GOING TO EAT ICE CREAM AT CHAN TAKE. WANNA COME?
What was that?
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BYE BYE!
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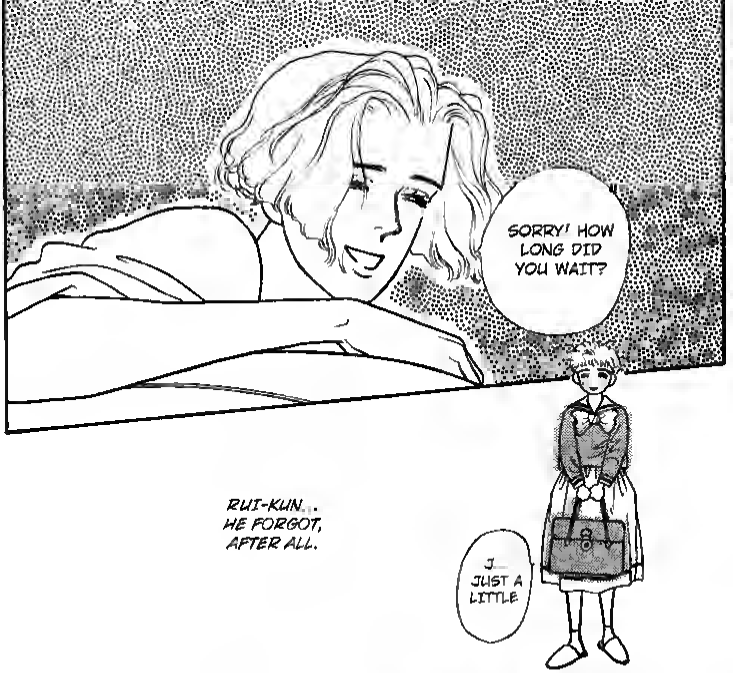
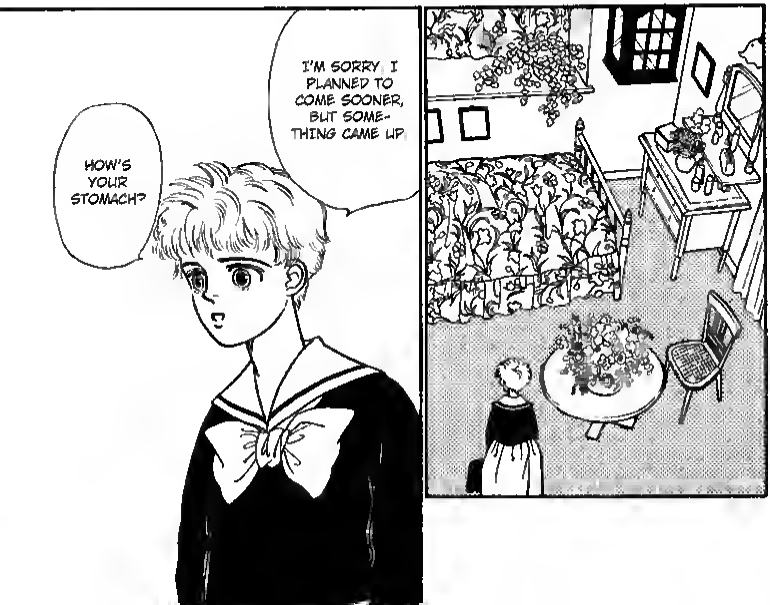
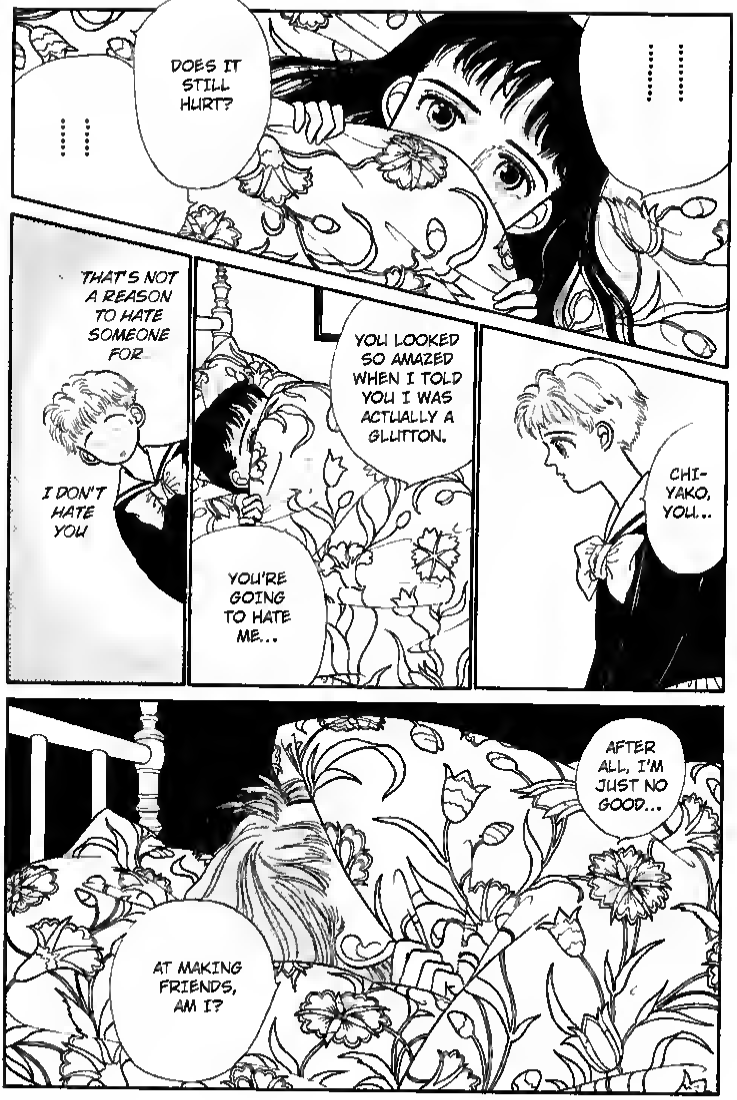
THAT'S STRANGE.
HE WENT HOME AGES AGO.
YAMA BE?
OH.
I SEE

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
OR DID HE...
FORGET ALL ABOUT IT?
...
AH.
THERE HE IS.
CHIYAKOOOO! NATSUME-SAN IS HERE TO VISIT YOU!
COME ON IN.
WOW, YOU CAME ESPECIALLY TO VISIT HER?
I FORGOT


SORRY! HOW LONG DID YOU WAIT?
RUI-KUN... HE FORGOT, AFTER ALL.
J... JUST A LITTLE


I'M SORRY. I PLANNED TO COME SOONER, BUT SOMETHING CAME UP.
HOW'S YOUR STOMACH?


DOES IT STILL HURT?
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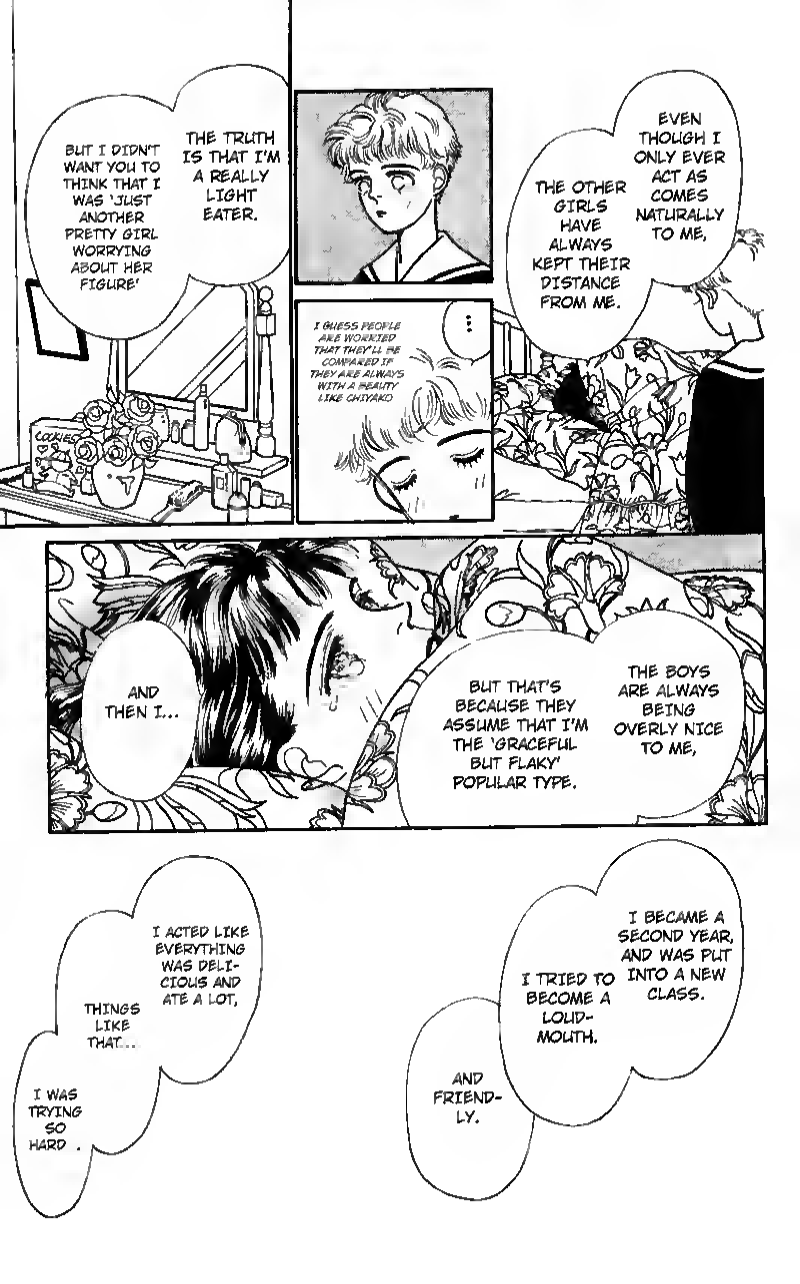
CHI-YAKO, YOU..
YOU LOOKED SO AMAZED WHEN I TOLD YOU I WAS ACTUALLY A GLUTTON.
YOU'RE GOING TO HATE ME...
THAT'S NOT A REASON TO HATE SOMEONE FOR
I DON'T HATE YOU
AFTER ALL, I'M JUST NO GOOD...
AT MAKING FRIENDS, AM I?


EVEN THOUGH I ONLY EVER ACT AS COMES NATURALLY TO ME,
THE OTHER GIRLS HAVE ALWAYS KEPT THEIR DISTANCE FROM ME.
I GUESS PEOPLE ARE WORRIED THAT THEY'LL BE COMPARED IF THEY ARE ALWAYS WITH A BEAUTY LIKE CHIYAKO.
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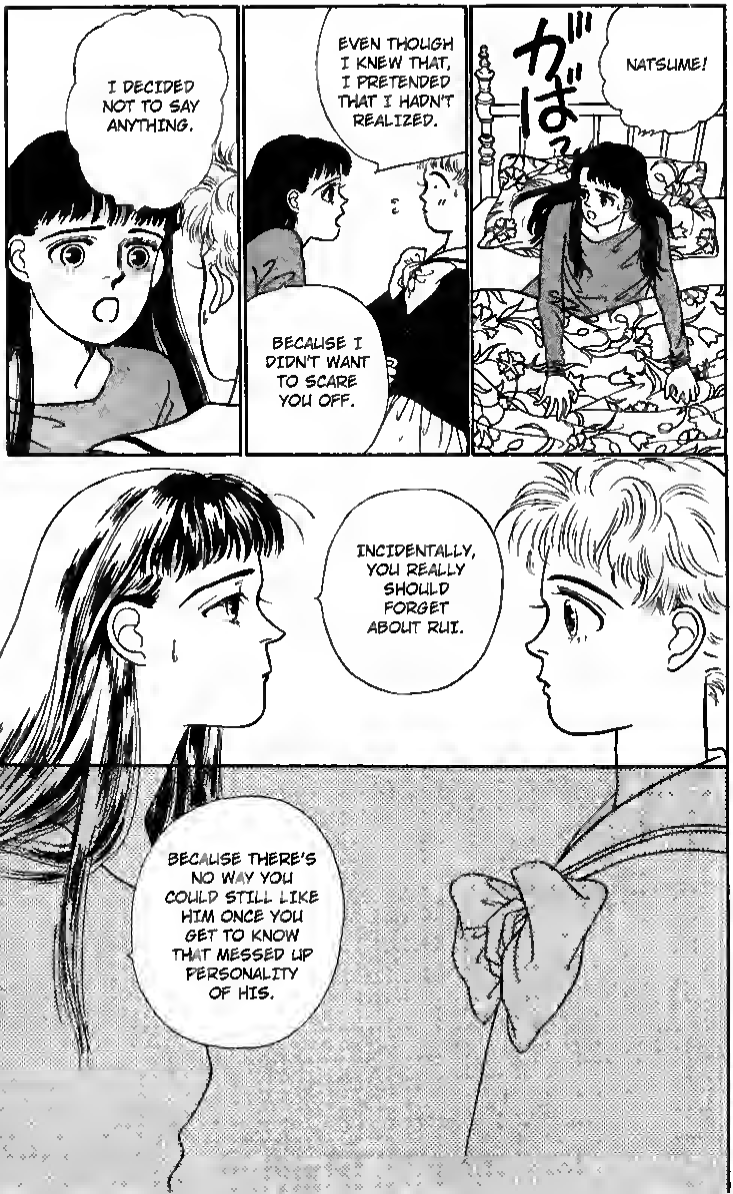
THE TRUTH IS THAT I'M A REALLY LIGHT EATER.
BUT I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO THINK THAT I WAS 'JUST ANOTHER PRETTY GIRL WORRYING ABOUT HER FIGURE'
COOKIES
THE BOYS ARE ALWAYS BEING OVERLY NICE TO ME,
BUT THAT'S BECAUSE THEY ASSUME THAT I'M THE 'GRACEFUL BUT FLAKY' POPULAR TYPE.
AND THEN I...
I BECAME A SECOND YEAR, AND WAS PUT INTO A NEW CLASS.
I TRIED TO BECOME A LOUD-MOUTH.
AND FRIEND-LY.
I ACTED LIKE EVERYTHING WAS DELI-CIOUS AND ATE A LOT,
THINGS LIKE THAT...
I WAS TRYING SO HARD .

CHIYAKO, YOU...
SHE'S SO CUTE
OF COURSE MAKING FRIEND IS POSSIBLE FOR YOU! US TWO ARE FRIENDS, AREN'T WE?
BUT YOU...
ONLY CAME ROUND IN THE FIRST PLACE BECAUSE OF RUI, DIDN'T YOU?
UGH!
BULL'S EYE!


NATSUME!
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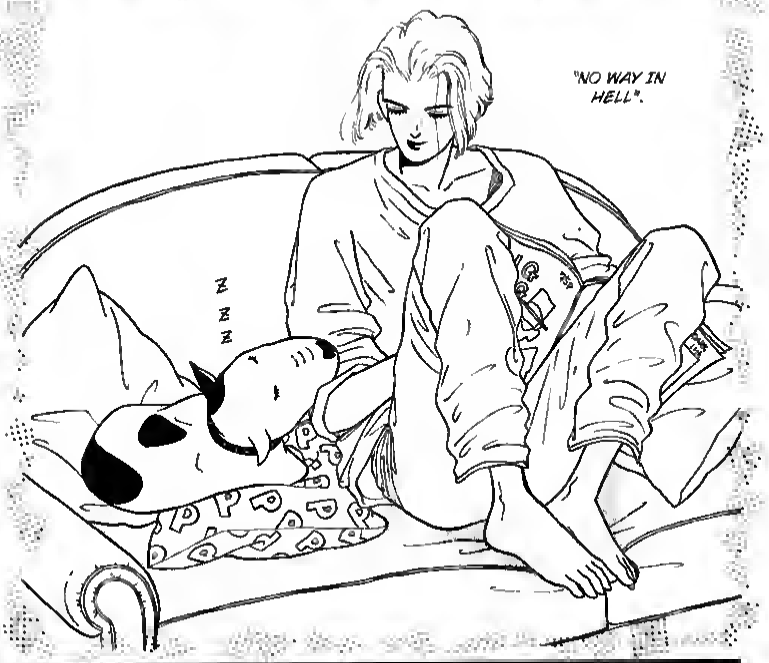
EVEN THOUGH I KNEW THAT, I PRETENDED THAT I HADN'T REALIZED.
BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO SCARE YOU OFF.
I DECIDED NOT TO SAY ANYTHING.
INCIDENTALLY, YOU REALLY SHOULD FORGET ABOUT RUI.
BECAUSE THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD STILL LIKE HIM ONCE YOU GET TO KNOW THAT MESSED UP PERSONALITY OF HIS.


"NO WAY IN HELL".
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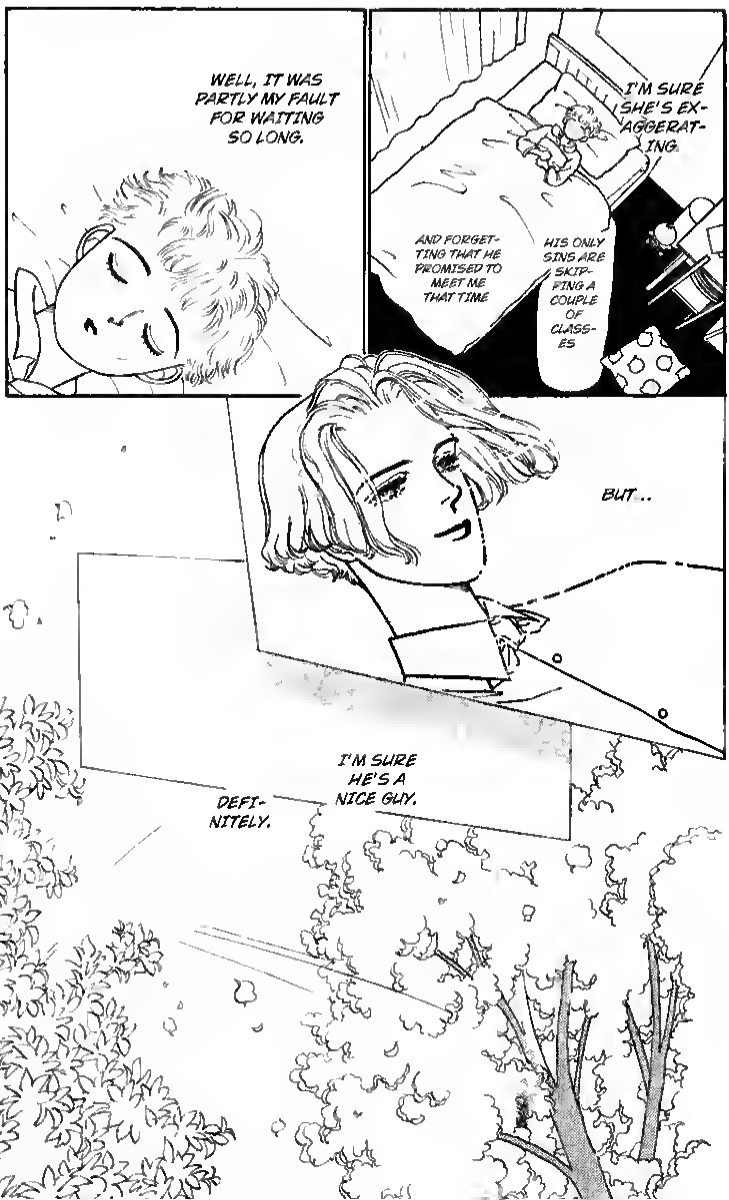
WELL, IT WAS PARTLY MY FAULT FOR WAITING SO LONG.
I'M SURE SHE'S EXAGGERATING.
AND FORGETTING THAT HE PROMISED TO MEET ME THAT TIME
HIS ONLY SINS ARE SKIPPING A COUPLE OF CLASSES
BUT..
I'M SURE HE'S A NICE GUY.
DEFINITELY.

GOOD MORNING! HOW'S CHIYAKO FEELING? IS SHE COMING TO SCHOOL TODAY?
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HE'S IGNORING HER!
Yamase-kun! Good morning!
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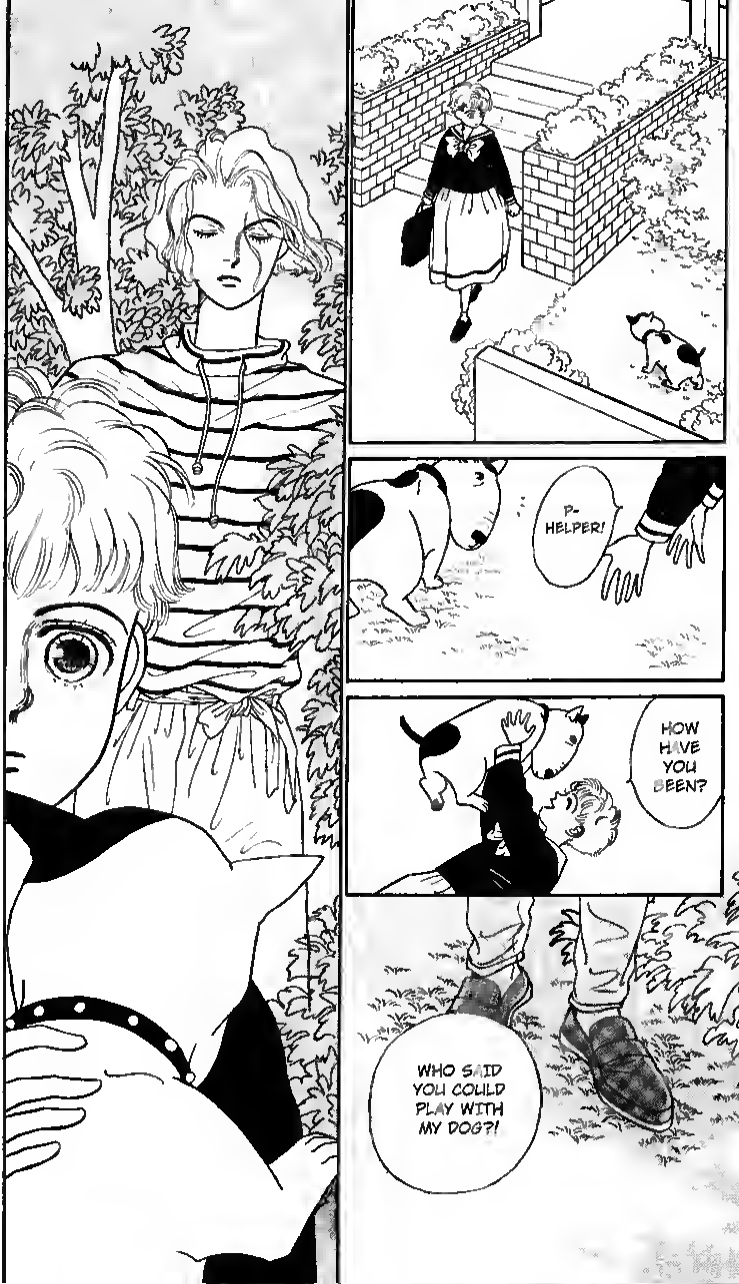
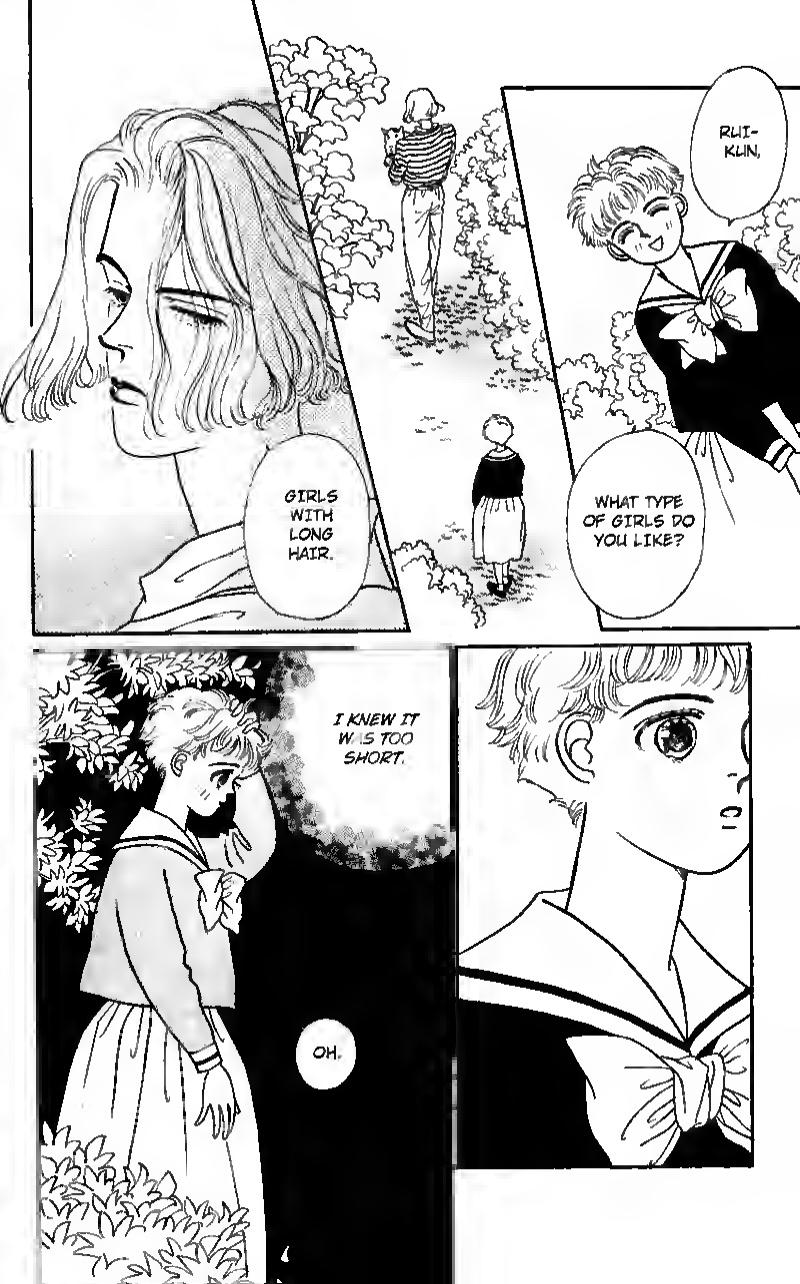
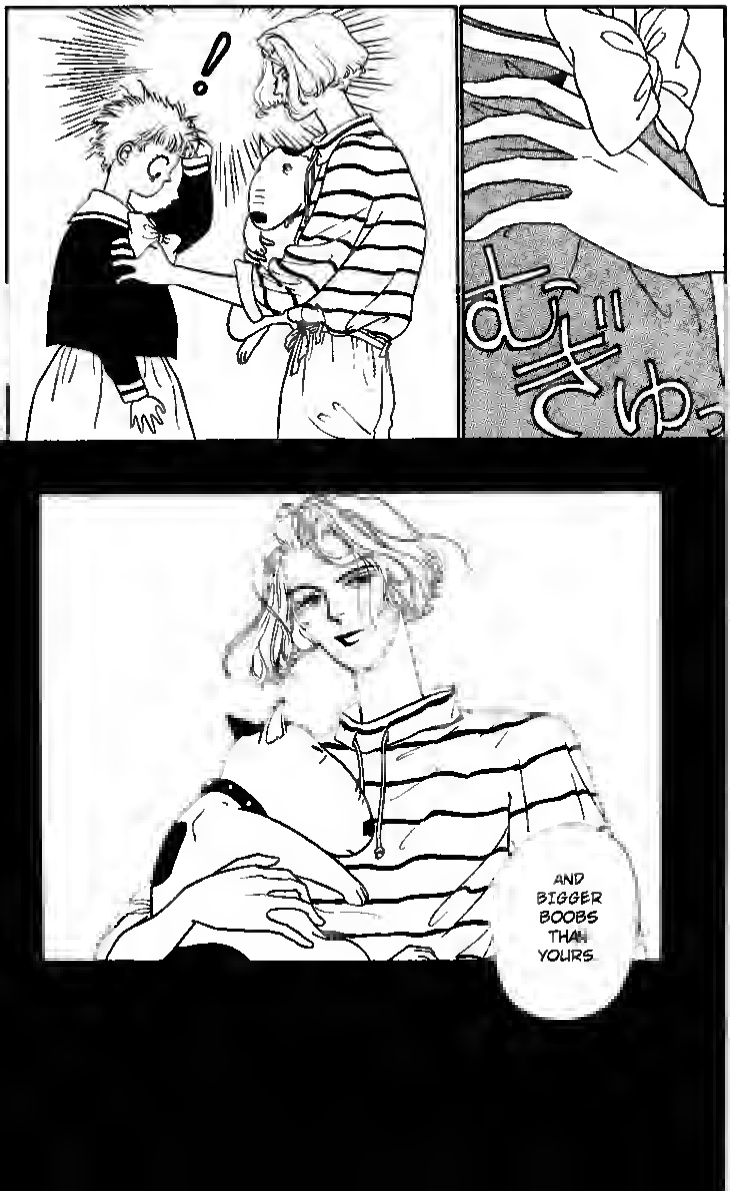
WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
WH...
THANK GOODNESS.
THE EMPTY SEAT NEXT TO ME MAKES ME FEEL LONELY.
I FEEL TOTALLY FINE NOW!
NATSUME. I THINK IT'S BEST IF YOU DON'T SPEAK TO RUI TODAY.
HE'S IN AN EXTREMELY BAD MOOD.
I'LL BE GOING TO SCHOOL TOMORROW.


P-HELPER!
HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?
WHO SAID YOU COULD PLAY WITH MY DOG?!

AH!
S... SORRY ABOUT THAT
RUI-KUN, YOU...
...LOVE DOGS, DON'T YOU?
I SAW YOU
YOU ACCEPTED A LOVE LETTER RECENTLY, RIGHT?


RUI-KUN,
WHAT TYPE OF GIRLS DO YOU LIKE?
GIRLS WITH LONG HAIR.
I KNEW IT W.S TOO SHORT.
OH.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AND BIGGER BOOBS THAN YOURS

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THAT MESSED UP PERSONALITY OF HIS...

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IT WOULD TAKE A LEAST HALF A YEAR TO GROW IT DOWN TO MY SHOULDERS
AND MY CHEST ...
MY HAIR...
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT THAT.
BUT IT'S STILL PAIN-FUL...
TO HEAR FROM HIM PERSONALLY THAT I HAVE NO CHANCE

OH YEAH CHIYAKO IS A CLASS REPRESENTATIVE.
IF I'M LATE, YOU CAN GO HOME ON YOUR OWN.
YAMABE-SAN, WE'RE GONNA BE LATE.
I HAVE TO GO TO THE COMMITTEE MEETING TODAY.
VERY PAINFUL.
HE SAID IT IN SUCH A NASTY WAY, TOO.
I SHOULD ALSO...
JOIN SOME SORT OF CLUB.

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RUI-KUN IS...
WALK-ING..
THROUGH THE WIND.
CAPTAIN!
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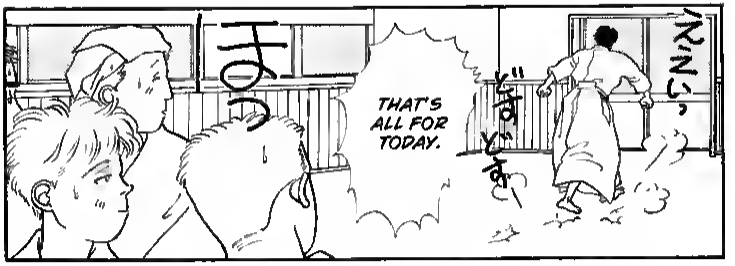
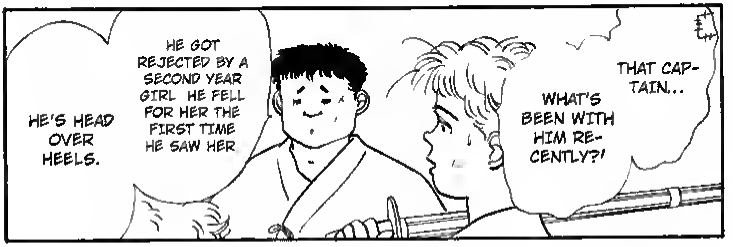
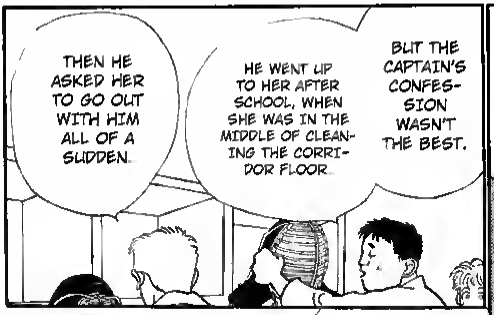
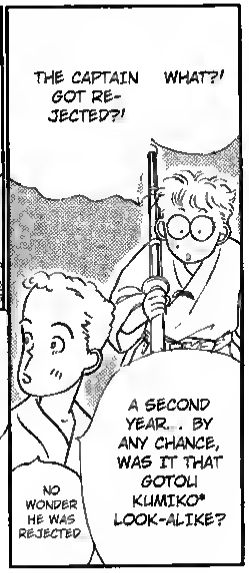
CA...
CAP-TAIN!!

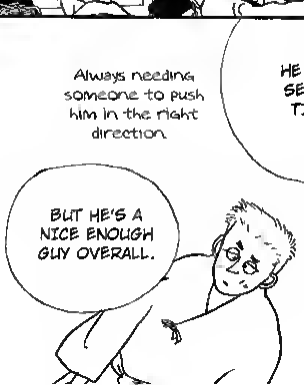
NEXT!!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME!!
MIYABE!
I GIVE UP!
THAT'S ENOUGH
HOW PATHETIC, GIVING UP BEFORE WE'VE EVEN STARTED!
THAT'S THE GUY CHIYAKO REJECTED.
AH.




HE'S HEAD OVER HEELS.
HE GOT REJECTED BY A SECOND YEAR GIRL. HE FELL FOR HER THE FIRST TIME HE SAW HER.
WHAT'S BEEN WITH HIM RECENTLY?!
THAT CAPTAIN...


THEN HE ASKED HER TO GO OUT WITH HIM ALL OF A SUDDEN.
HE WENT UP TO HER AFTER SCHOOL, WHEN SHE WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF CLEANING THE CORRIDOR FLOOR.
BUT THE CAPTAIN'S CONFESSION WASN'T THE BEST.





*A Japanese actress/model.

HE'S JUST ANOTHER..
OF THOSE GUYS WITH BEAUTIFUL FACES.
OH! I HAVE. HE'S THE ONE ALL THE GIRLS ARE OBSESSED WITH, ISN'T HE? IT'S ANNOYING.
HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT HER YOUNGER BROTHER?
IT'S A SHAME, BUT YAMABE CHIYAKO IS OUT OF HIS LEAGUE.
NO, I HAVEN'T.
EVEN THOUGH THE CAPTAIN IS ACTUALLY QUITE GOOD-LOOKING! HIS FACE JUST WOULDN'T HAVE MUCH OF AN IMPACT.
THEN WHAT DOES THAT MAKE US?
YOU'RE RIGHT!
OUR CAPTAIN WOULD LOOK LIKE A WEED IN COMPARISON.
IF SHE'S LOOKING AT A BROTHER LIKE THAT EVERYDAY,
IT MAKES ME SO SAD TO THINK ABOUT HOW HEART-BROKEN HE MUST BE!
YEAH.
AT ANY RATE, IT SEEMS THAT SPRING HAS FINALLY COME FOR THE CAPTAIN.
THAT'S KINDA CUTE.

I FEEL SO SORRY FOR HIM!
SO HE'S THE CAPTAIN OF THE KENDO CLUB
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UNFORTUNATELY...
IT'S SOMEBODY ELSE'S PROBLEM.
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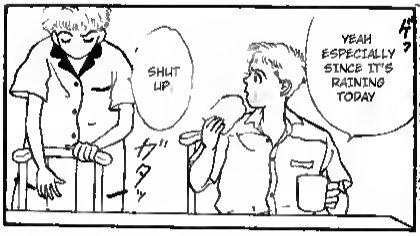
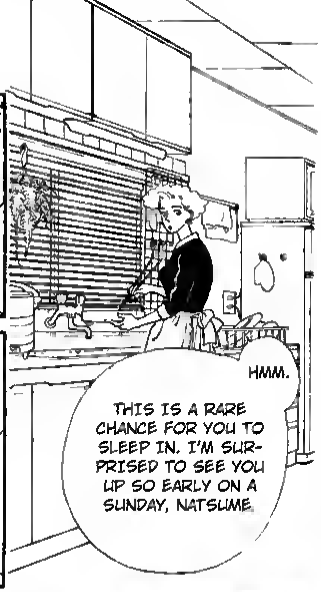
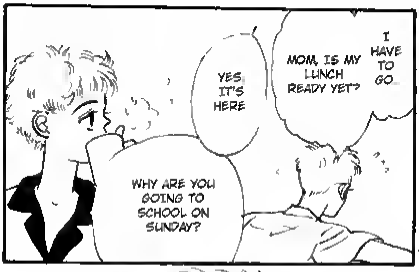
YOU...
KNEW NATSUME WAS SELF-CONSCIOUS ABOUT HOW SHORT HER HAIR WAS. AND YET...
YOU TOLD HER SO MALICIOUSLY
YOU...
...TOLD HER IT WAS.
GROPED HER CHEST. TO ASCERTAIN THAT IT WAS FLAT. AND THEN...

FEATHERS...
LOTS OF FEATHERS
AAH.
THE WAY RUI-KUN WALKS IS LIKE THAT...


SHUT UP.
YEAH ESPECIALLY SINCE IT'S RAINING TODAY

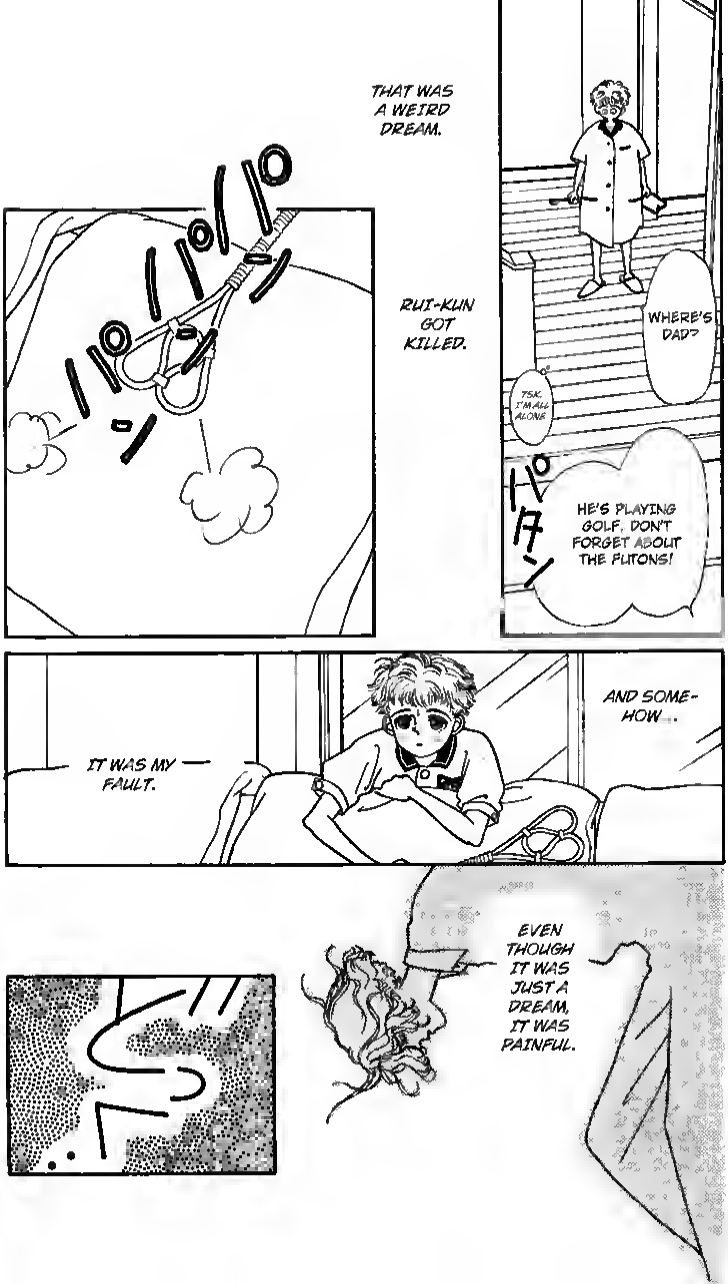

HMM.
THIS IS A RARE CHANCE FOR YOU TO SLEEP IN. I'M SURPRISED TO SEE YOU UP SO EARLY ON A SUNDAY, NATSUME.


WHY ARE YOU GOING TO SCHOOL ON SUNDAY?
YES, IT'S HERE
MOM, IS MY LUNCH READY YET?
I HAVE TO GO...

EH?
ARE YOU GOING OUT TOO, MOTHER?
I'M GOING TO SEE A MOVIE WITH SOME FRIENDS AND THEN I'M GOING SHOPPING.

HE'S IN HIGH SPIRITS.
THAT'S RIGHT. NATSUME, YOU NEED TO AIR THE FUTONS.

CLUB ACTIVITIES. I'M GOING NOW!


THAT WAS A WEIRD DREAM.
RUI-KUN GOT KILLED.
WHERE'S DAD?
TSK. I'M ALL ALONE.
HE'S PLAYING GOLF. DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE FUTONS!
IT WAS MY — FAULT.
AND SOME-HOW...
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS JUST A DREAM, IT WAS PAINFUL.

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WH...
WHAT IS THIS FEELING IN MY CHEST?
DON'T TELL ME...
SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO RUI-KUN?
NO.
WAY...
THERE'S...
TAKE THIS PRETTY BOY!
MAYBE HE WAS AT-TACKED BY A RANDOM KILLER?!
OR HAS A DEADLY ILL-NESS?
OOPS SORRY ABOUT THAT
OR HIT BY A CAR?
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RUI?
OH, NATSUME!
WHAT'S UP?
HE'S BEEN STAYING AT A FRIEND'S PLACE SINCE YESTERDAY. HOW COME?
UNLESS THERE WAS A SUDDEN HOUSE FIRE?
OR HIS FRIEND TURNS OUT TO BE A PERVERT?!
AT A FRIEND'S PLACE
SO HE'S FINE AFTER ALL
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HUH?! WHAT'S WRONG?

OKAY, BUT...
GIVE ME IT!
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GIVE ME THE ADDRESS...
OF THE FRIEND...
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WHOSE HOUSE RUI IS STAYING AT...
PLEASE?
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THANK YOU, BYE!
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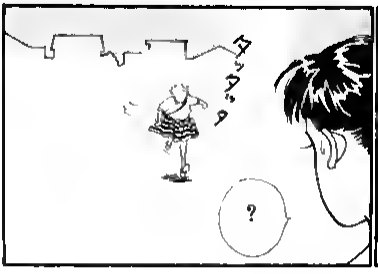
HERE THE STREET IS EASY TO FIND, SO I DON'T THINK YOU'LL HAVE ANY TROUBLE, BUT WHY ON EARTH...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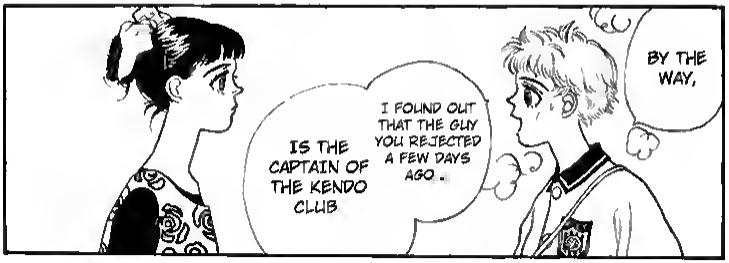
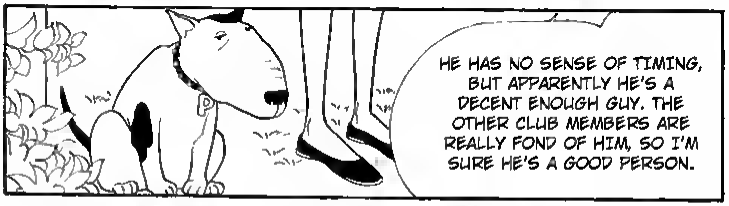

BY THE WAY,
I FOUND OUT THAT THE GUY YOU REJECTED A FEW DAYS AGO...
IS THE CAPTAIN OF THE KENDO CLUB


HE HAS NO SENSE OF TIMING, BUT APPARENTLY HE'S A DECENT ENOUGH GUY. THE OTHER CLUB MEMBERS ARE REALLY FOND OF HIM, SO I'M SURE HE'S A GOOD PERSON.

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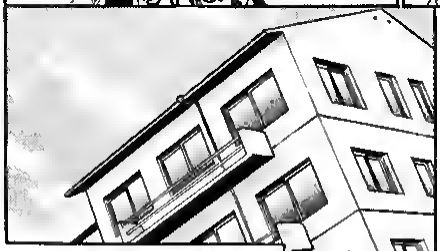
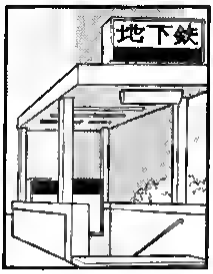
SEE YA!

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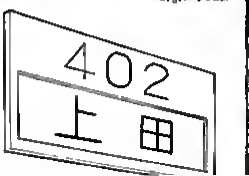
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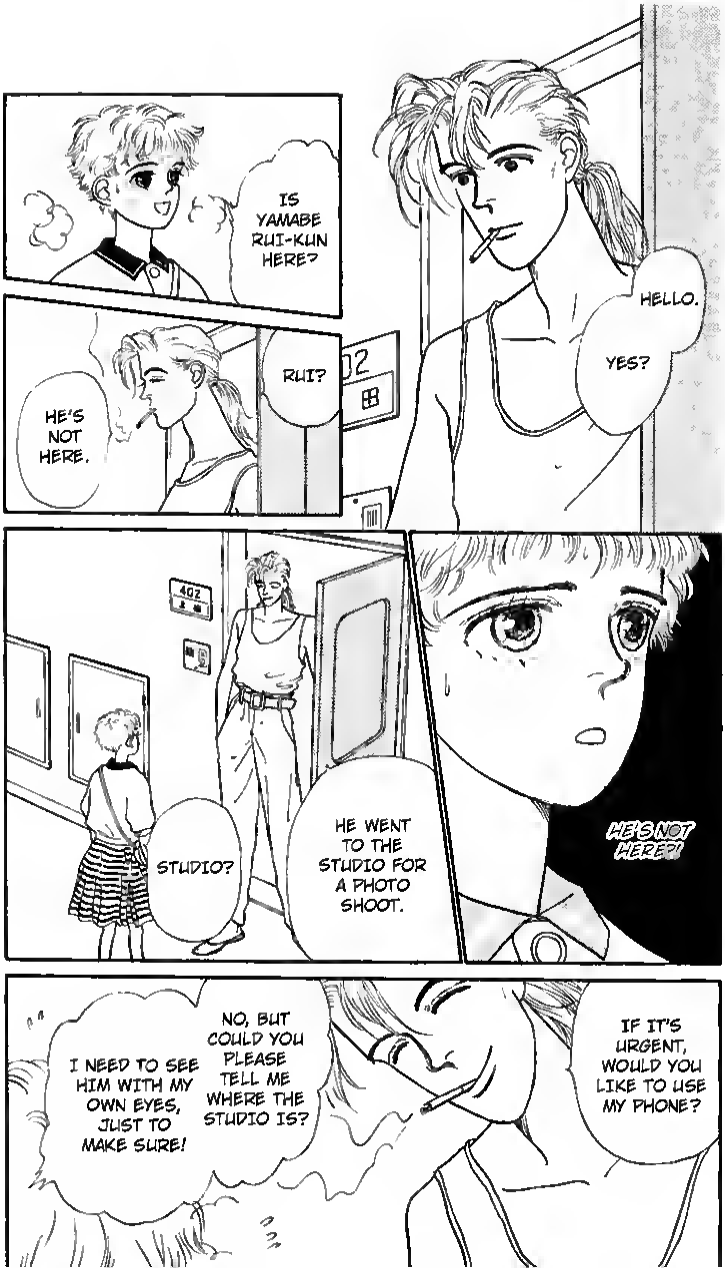
IS YAMABE RUI-KUN HERE?
HELLO.
YES?
RUI?
HE'S NOT HERE.
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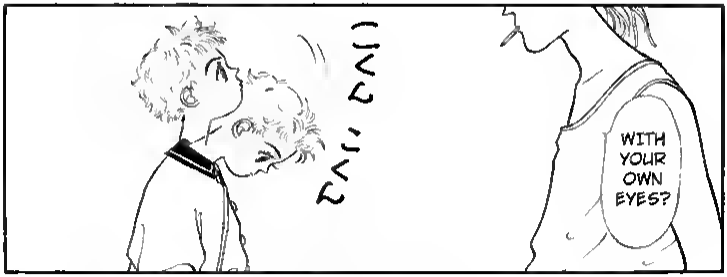
HE'S NOT HERE?!
HE WENT TO THE STUDIO FOR A PHOTO SHOOT.
STUDIO?
IF IT'S URGENT, WOULD YOU LIKE TO USE MY PHONE?
NO, BUT COULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME WHERE THE STUDIO IS?
I NEED TO SEE HIM WITH MY OWN EYES, JUST TO MAKE SURE!


WITH YOUR OWN EYES?
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BUT THERE ARE PLANS TO TAKE SOME PICTURES OUTSIDE THIS AFTERNOON.
HEY, WHERE DID THEY SAY B&G'S GRAVURE SHOOT WAS TODAY?
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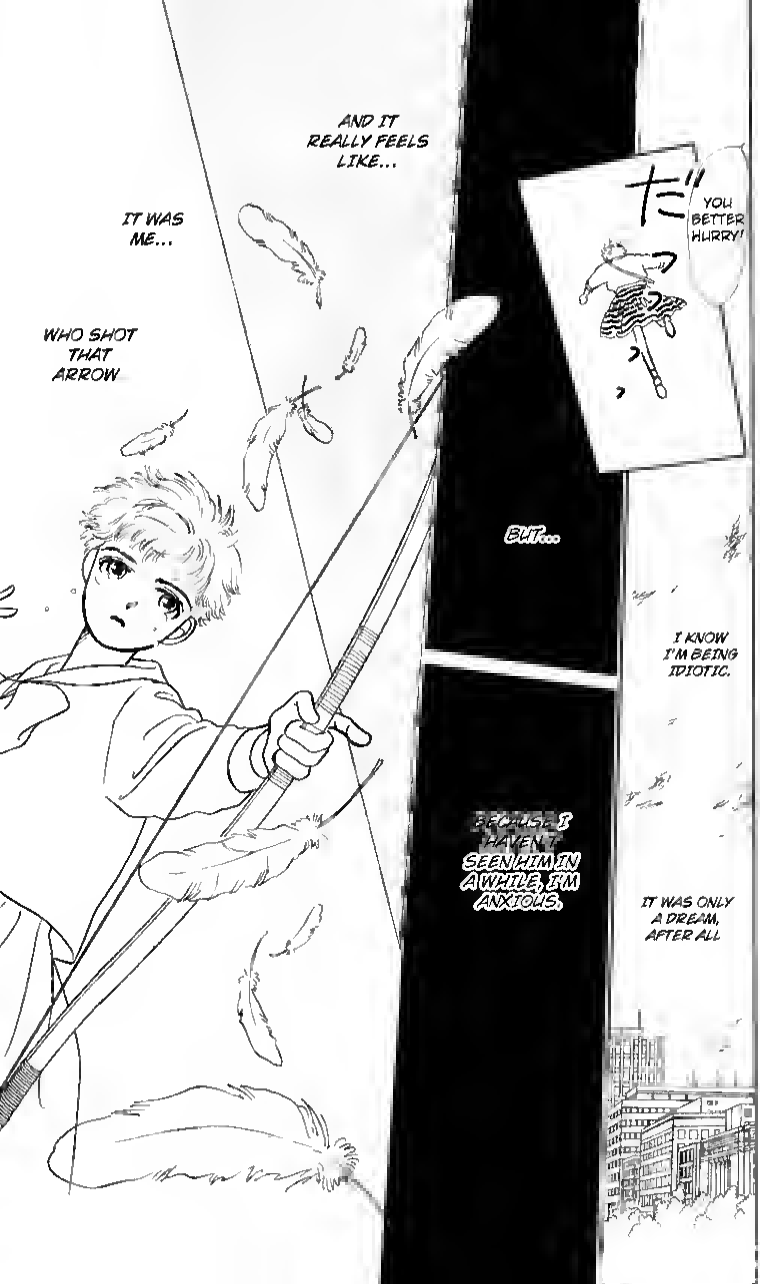
HE'S NOT HERE ANYMORE.
AOYAMA CEMETERY


AND IT REALLY FEELS LIKE...
IT WAS ME...
WHO SHOT THAT ARROW
YOU BETTER HURRY!
BUT...
I KNOW I'M BEING IDIOTIC.
BECAUSE I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM IN A WHILE, I'M ANXIOUS.
IT WAS ONLY A DREAM, AFTER ALL

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AGAIN, AM I?
EVER GOING TO...
I'M NEVER...
SEE RUI-KUN...
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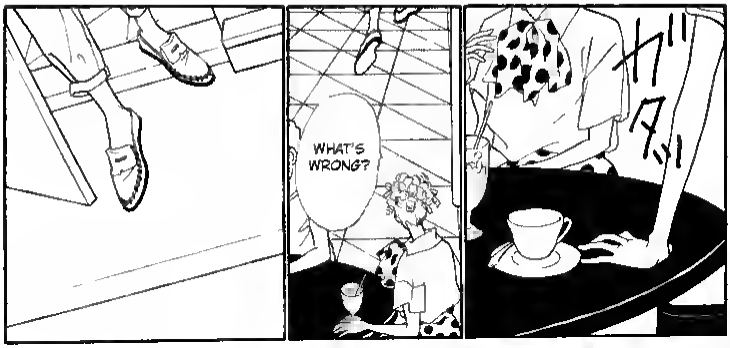
THIS IS ALL BECAUSE OF THAT DREAM.


WHAT'S WRONG?
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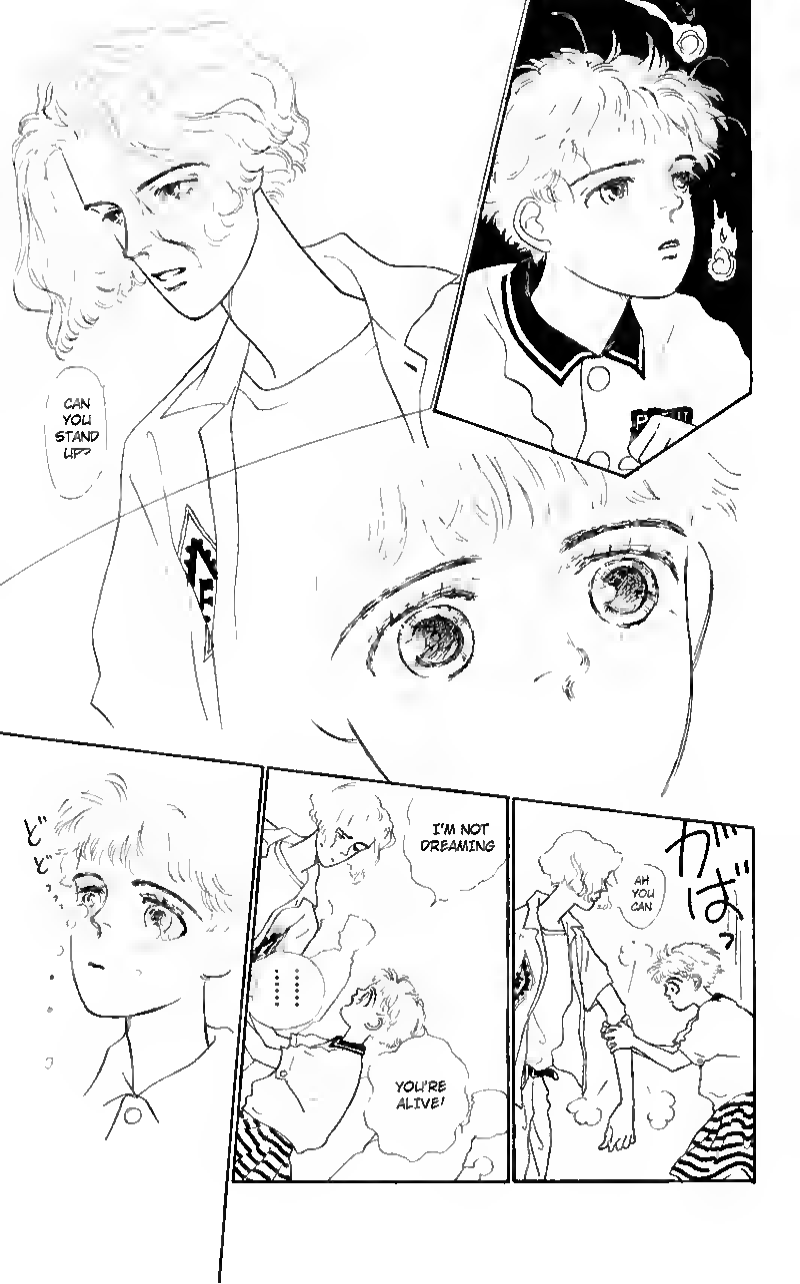
SO IT IS YOU, AFTER ALL.

STOMACH ACHE?


CAN YOU STAND UP?
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I'M NOT DREAMING
YOU'RE ALIVE!
AH YOU CAN
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I GUESS I DO LIKE RUI-KUN AFTER ALL.
NO MATTER HOW TWISTED SHE SAYS HE IS.
NOT REALLY
WELL...
MAYBE A LITTLE
NIGHT-MARE, SO. I HAD A...
THERE YOU GO
SHE WENT ALL THE WAY TO AOYAMA CEMETERY LOOKING FOR YOU
IT'S GOOD THAT SHE'S FOUND YOU
YOU WERE LOOKING FOR ME?
I STILL...
I STILL...
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO, RUI?

AFTER THAT,
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UMM...
DINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY TABLETS FOR PERIOD PAINS?
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YES, I DO.
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NOT...
THAT S...
I DRANK TEA IN A COFFEE SHOP WITH RUI AND THE OTHERS.

MINGLING WITH MODELS WAS...
EXTREMELY UNCOMFORTABLE, BUT AT THAT TIME...
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TASTY
MY ONLY CONCERN WAS EATING THE FANCY FOOD THAT WAS APPEARING BEFORE ME, BECAUSE ALL THE RUNNING HAD TIRED ME OUT
WAS STOMACH ACHE REALLY THE REASON YOU CAME HERE?!

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DOES HE WANT SOME?
I DON'T THINK—
EVEN THE TYPE OF GIRLS HE'S INTO ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT TO ME,
THAT WOULD BE A GOOD ENOUGH REASON TO START DISLIKING HIM.

SUM..
..MER...
AWWW.
IT'S RAIN-ING CATS AND DOGS.
LOOKS LIKE IT'S RAINY SEASON ALREADY
DEPRESSING, ISN'T IT? I HATE THE RAINY SEASON. IT'S SO WET AND STICKY
OH, WELL. AT LEAST IT MEANS THAT SUMMER WILL BE HERE SOON
?

THE FUTONS!!
A SHORT WHILE AFTER, I GOT THE MAGAZINE THAT RUI'S PICTURES WERE IN

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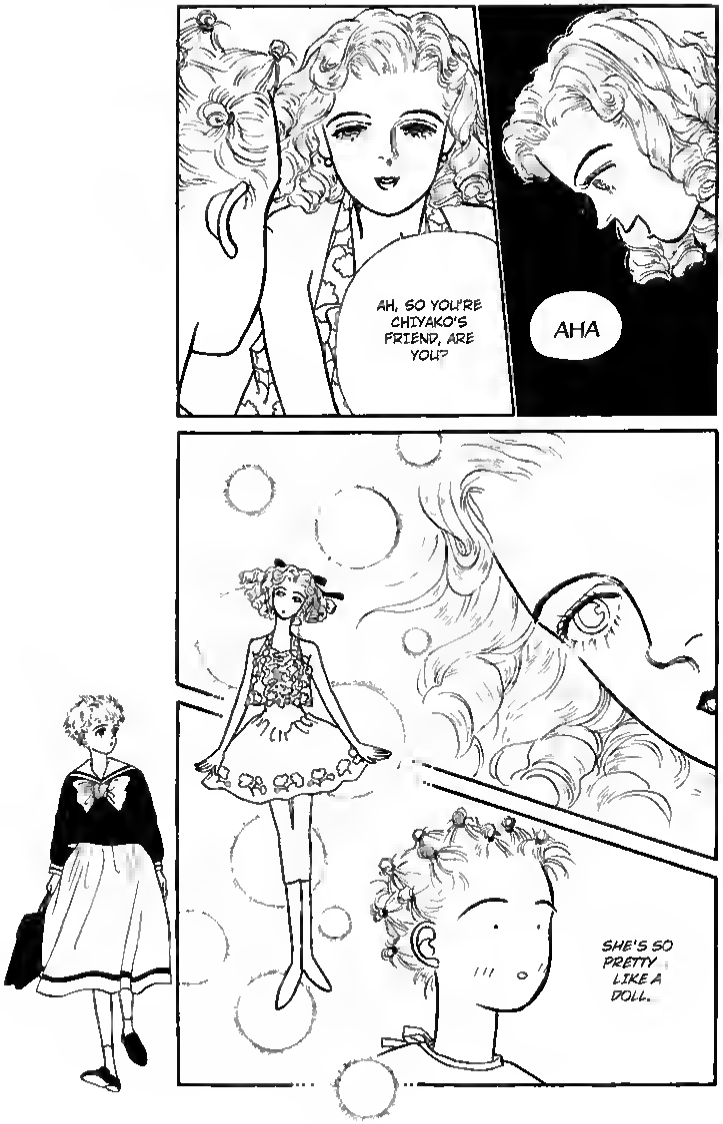
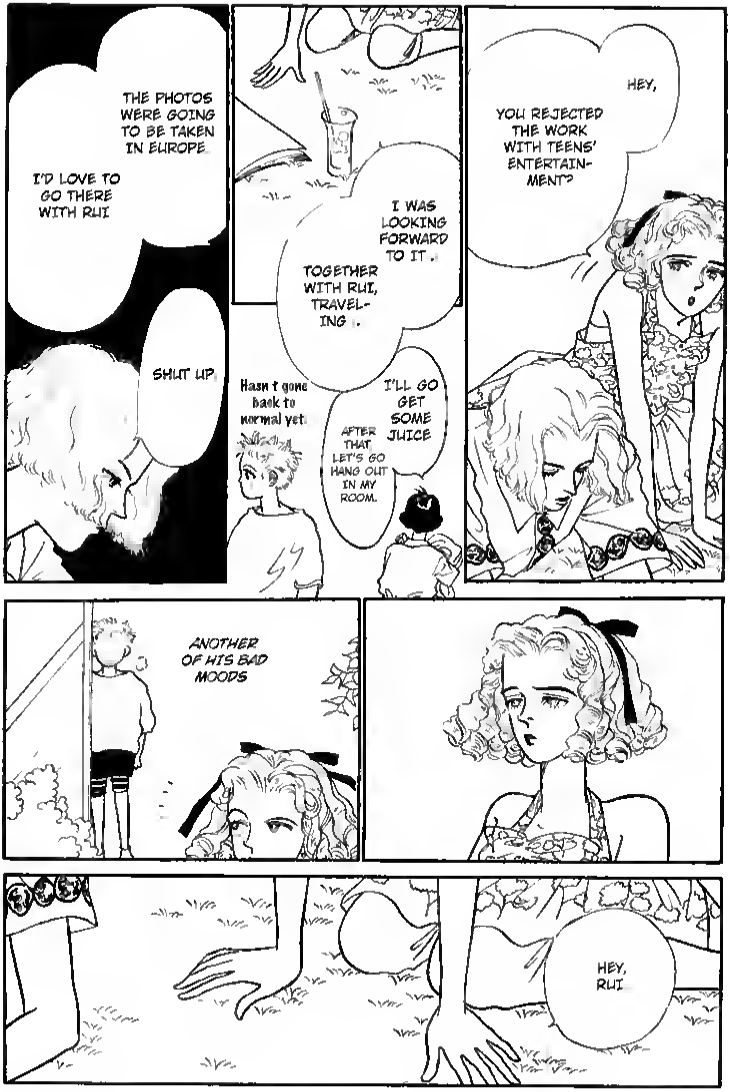
HI
IS RUI HERE?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, DRESSED LIKE THAT?
HE SURE IS, COME IN
OH, DINA!
I'M PLAYING 'HAIRDRESSERS' WITH A FRIEND
AH


AH, SO YOU'RE CHIYAKO'S FRIEND, ARE YOU?
AHA
SHE'S SO PRETTY LIKE A DOLL.

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO BE?
BLONDE HAIR...
SO BEAUTIFUL..
HA! YOU'VE MADE HER LOOK LIKE A CACTUS.
WE THOUGHT IT WAS ADORABLE!
THIS
THAT'S RIGHT..
THAT REMINDS ME. WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE STUDYING FOR THE END OF TERM EXAMS TOGETHER, WEREN'T WE?
THEY'RE PRETTY SOON, AFTER ALL

RUI!
I THINK YOU SHOULD TELL HER THAT HE'S IN ONE OF HIS BAD MOODS TODAY...
IT'S OKAY. DINA KNOWS ALL TOO WELL HOW HE IS
LOOK, I BROUGHT YOUR FAVORITE HILLTOP SCONES! LET'S EAT THEM TOGETHER


THE PHOTOS WERE GOING TO BE TAKEN IN EUROPE.
I'D LOVE TO GO THERE WITH RUI.
SHUT UP!
I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.
TOGETHER WITH RUI, TRAVELING.
Hasn't gone back to normal yet.
I'LL GO GET SOME JUICE.
AFTER THAT LET'S GO HANG OUT IN MY ROOM.
HEY, YOU REJECTED THE WORK WITH TEENS' ENTERTAINMENT?
ANOTHER OF HIS BAD MOODS
HEY, RUI.

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I CHANGED MY HAIR-STYLE
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
LIKE IT?
BLUE EYES.
THEY'RE DISGUST-ING

Just sayin'
I'M GOING HOME!
OUT OF MY WAY!

AND YOUR BLUE EYES ARE AMAZING. I WISH I HAD BLUE EYES, TOO.
I'M SO JEALOUS. I'D LOVE TO HAVE BEAUTIFUL BLONDE HAIR LIKE YOURS.
I... I THINK THEY'RE REALLY PRETTY!
LIKE I WOULD BE FLATTERED TO BE COM-PLIMENTED BY A CACTUS
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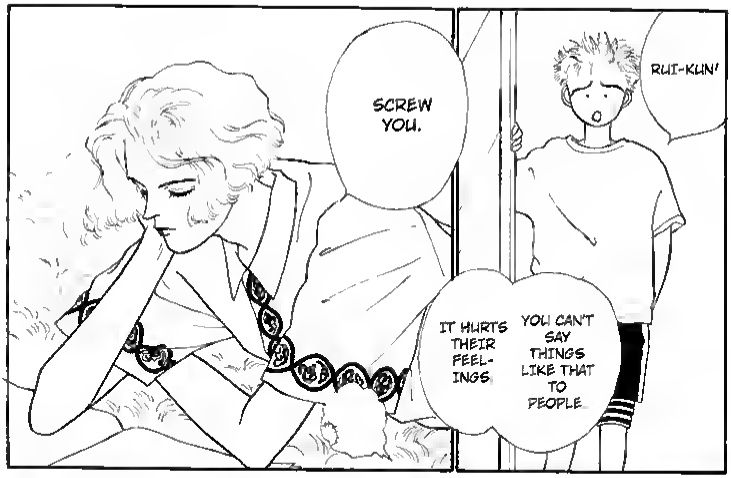
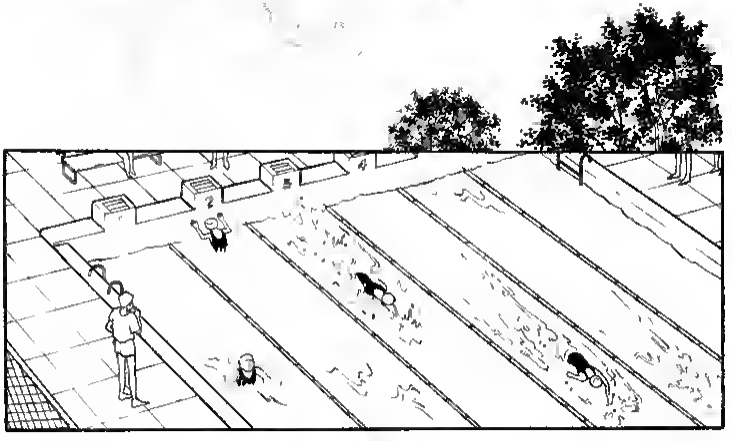
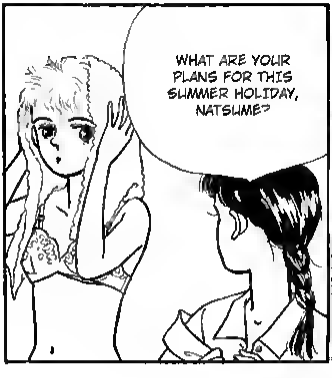
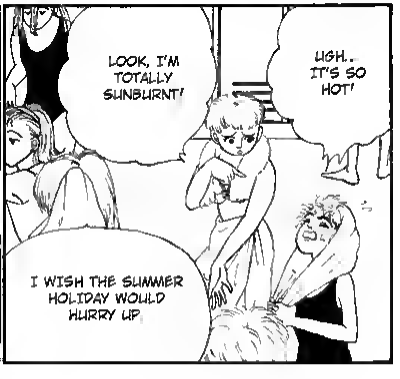
DREAM ON
HUH?


SCREW YOU.
RUI-KUN!
IT HURTS THEIR FEEL-INGS.
YOU CAN'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT TO PEOPLE.

HE CAN BE NASTY.
HE...
NOW, NOW.




WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THIS SUMMER HOLIDAY, NATSUME?


LOOK, I'M TOTALLY SUNBURNT!
UGH.. IT'S SO HOT!
I WISH THE SUMMER HOLIDAY WOULD HURRY UP.

*A town in Nagano, Central Japan, which is a popular tourist town

KA...
KA...
KA...
IN THAT CASE, DO YOU WANT TO COME OUR HOLIDAY HOME IN KARUIZAWA* WITH ME?
HMM... NOTHING SPECIAL
MY BROTHER HAS TO STUDY FOR THE ENTRANCE EXAMS.
Even though all he seems to be doing is club activities
KARU-IZAWA?!
HOLIDAY HOME?!
IT'S A BIT OLD,
BUT I WANT YOU TO COME WITH ME
WOOOOW!
CHIYAKO'S FAMILY HAS A HOLIDAY HOME?!
The truth is she's already decided to go, no matter what.
I'LL HAVE TO ASK MY MOTHER FIRST, BUT I'M SURE SHE'LL GIVE ME PERMISSION
TWO GIRLS' LONG-AWAITED...
SUMMER HOLIDAY!!

AH!
AH!
IF WE DO OUR HOME-WORK TOGETHER, IT'LL BE MUCH QUICKER!
FOR SURE
YEAH
FOR SURE!
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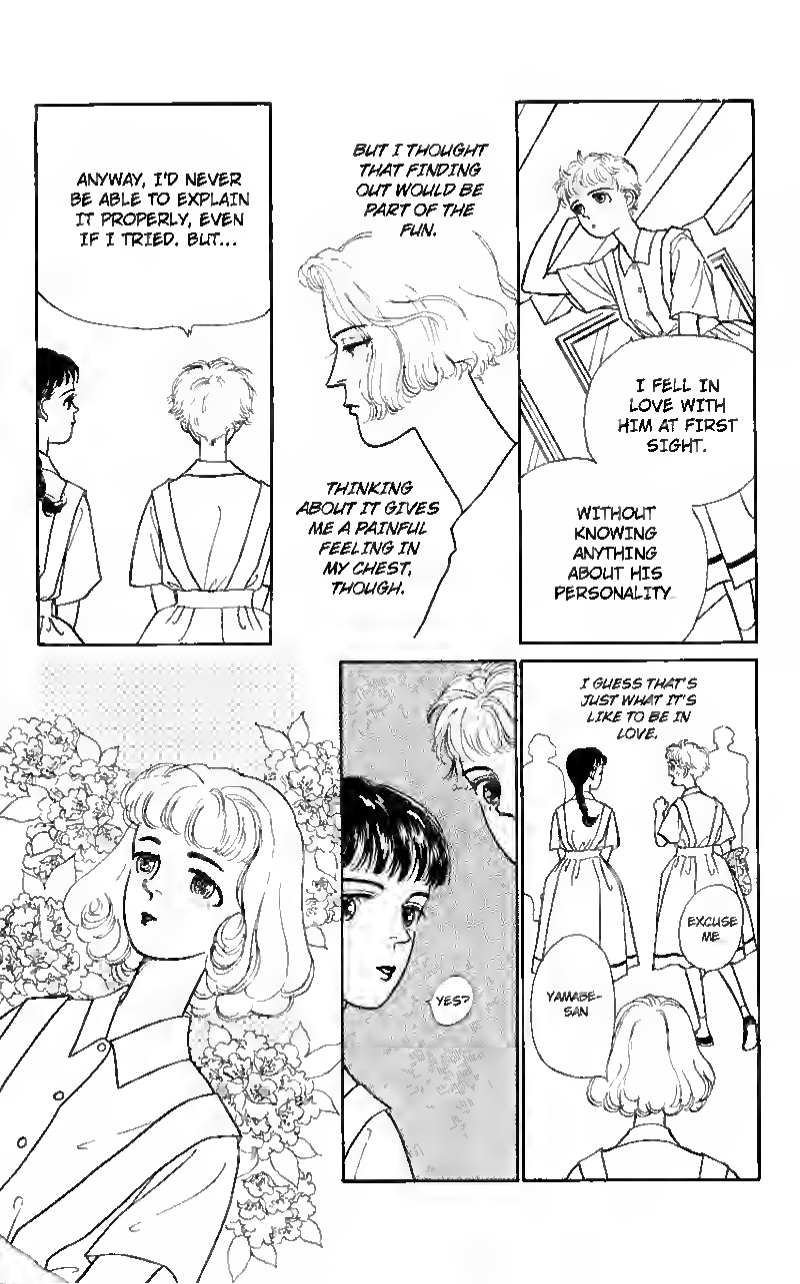
HE'S WALKING LIKE A WIND-UP CLOCKWORK TOY.
LOOKS LIKE THAT GUY STILL LIKES YOU, CHIYAKO.

slightly deluded
HEHEHE, I SAID IT OUT LOUD!
YOU KNOW, I THINK OF RUI-KUN AS MY DESTINED LOVER, OR 'SOULMATE'
BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT NOW
CHIYAKO, YOU...
REJECTED HIM, MAINLY BECAUSE YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT WHAT I'D THINK, RIGHT?
I'M JEALOUS
THAT MUST BE NICE, NATSUME
I'M JUST KEEPING MYSELF HAPPY BY THINKING THAT DEEP DOWN, I KNOW HE'LL NEVER LIKE ME BACK
I WAS ONLY JOKING
HEY
HEY
IT'S NOT FAIR...
HAVING AN OLDER SISTER LIKE THIS MUST BE HARD.
SOMETHING...?
SOMETHING LIKE RUI, WITH THAT HORRIBLE, SADISTIC PERSONALITY OF HIS...
HEY,
HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT YOU LIKE HIM THAT MUCH?


ANYWAY, I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN IT PROPERLY, EVEN IF I TRIED. BUT...
BUT I THOUGHT THAT FINDING OUT WOULD BE PART OF THE FUN.
THINKING ABOUT IT GIVES ME A PAINFUL FEELING IN MY CHEST, THOUGH.
I FELL IN LOVE WITH HIM AT FIRST SIGHT.
WITHOUT KNOWING ANYTHING ABOUT HIS PERSONALITY
I GUESS THAT'S JUST WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE IN LOVE.
EXCUSE ME
YAMABE-SAN
YES?

AH, THE GIRL WHO GAVE RUI-KUN A LOVE LETTER THAT TIME.
WELL... IT'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT
HE JUST HAS A SLIGHT COLD
I'M SURE HE'LL BE BACK IN NO TIME.
YAMABE-KUN HASN'T BEEN TO SCHOOL FOR TWO, NO... THREE DAYS. IS HE... ILL?
THANK GOODNESS.
I'M GLAD HE'S OKAY.
I WILL DO.
SEND RUI-KUN MY REGARDS.
Has something happened to him?
What did she say?
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I HAVEN'T TOLD YOU YET, NATSUME. THIS IS JUST HOW RUI IS WHEN THIS SEASON COMES ALONG.
HE'S REFUSING TO LEAVE HIS ROOM.
CHIYAKO!! RUI-KUN IS RESTING AT HOME?!
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?!
HE CAUGHT A COLD?!
DURING THIS SEASON, HE REACHES HIS ULTIMATE CRANKINESS LEVEL
IT'S UNBELIEVABLE, BUT HE HAS SOME SORT OF SUMMER NEUROSIS
TH... THAT WAS A LIE...

SO NEITHER HIS FATHER NOR MOTHER CARES THAT HE'S SKIPPING SCHOOL?
THIS IS TERRIBLE OF ME. ALTHOUGH I WANT TO GET TO KNOW RUI-KUN, I'M AFRAID TO GET TO KNOW THE RUI OF THIS SEASON.
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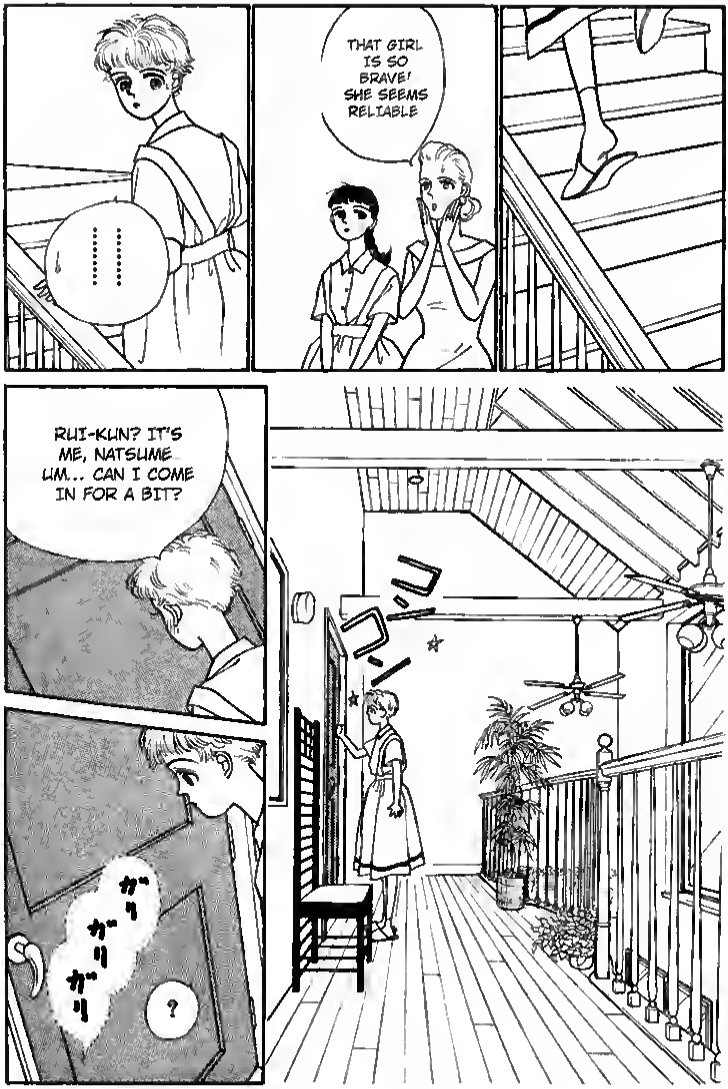
BUT THE ONE WHO SUFFERS THE MOST IS P-HELPER.
POOR THING.
IT'S UP-STAIRS, ON THE RIGHT.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THAT GIRL IS SO BRAVE! SHE SEEMS RELIABLE
RUI-KUN? IT'S ME, NATSUME UM... CAN I COME IN FOR A BIT?
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RUI-KUN?
COLD!
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I CAME IN ANYWAY!
UGH!
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R... RUI-KUN...
AREN'T YOU... C... COLD IN HERE?!
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EEK!
stop
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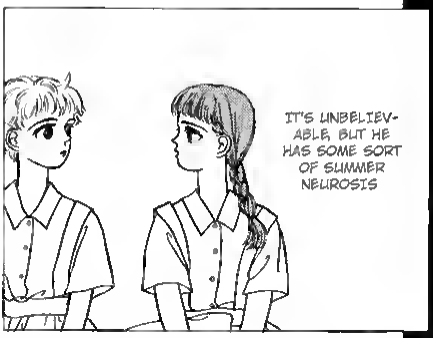
TOO HOT!!
REALLY?
IT'S NOT GOOD FOR YOUR BODY SHUTTING YOURSELF AWAY IN SUCH A COLD ROOM.
AND I'M PRETTY SURE P-HELPER WANTS TO RUN AROUND FREELY IN THE HALLWAY
HOT PLACES ARE WORSE FOR THE BODY.

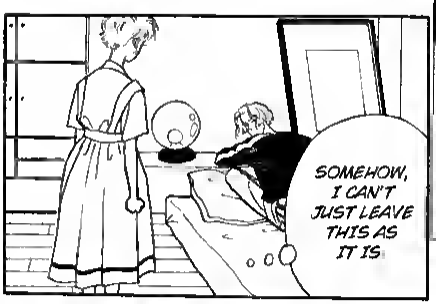
青春!!
IN THE BURNING SUNLIGHT, RUNNING AROUND WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT AND WORKING UP A SWEAT...
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
ONLY IN SUMMER CAN YOU GO OUTSIDE AND ENJOY THE FULL STRENGTH OF THE SUN.
RUI-KUN!
I HATE IT!!
I DON'T DISLIKE IT.
SO YOU DISLIKE SUMMER THAT MUCH?
I WOULD RATHER DIE..
I WOULD..



RATHER THAN FEELING ANGRY, I WANT TO CRY.

BUT, EVEN SO...

I THINK THE HE NEEDS TO BE CONFRONTED ABOUT THIS.



HATING SOME-THING IS PAINFUL!
I WON'T LET YOU GET ILL FROM BEING IN THIS ROOM!!
GET OFF ME!!
YOU'RE NOT HELPING! STOP INTERFERING WHERE YOU'RE NOT WANTED AND LET GO ALREADY!!
IF RUI-KUN GOT SICK, I'D BE REALLY SAD!
SO YOU LIKE ME?
I LOVE YOU.
I TOLD HIM!

FINE, THEN
?
MY MOOD HAS CHANGED SLIGHTLY
HMMM.
COME HERE
!?
KYAA!

UM...
WAIT ...
W...
!
I'M IN THE MOOD OF...
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
SEX.

HUH?
DON'T YOU WANT TO?
.....

HE'S IN THE MOOD FOR SEX?!
NO FAIR
WHAT THE HELL WAS HE THINKING?!

MY BRAIN...
IT'S CHAOS IN HERE...
IS ON OVER-DRIVE
.....
She s wondering if she should regret how she acted.
DARN IT! I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT GUY!!
I SHOULDN'T, I SHOULDN'T!
IT SHOULDN'T BE SUCH AN EASY THING.
I CAN'T!

I LOVE YOU.
UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES...
IT'S MORE SERIOUS THAN THAT! IT'S PRECIOUS!
I'm in the mood for sex.
WOULD I HAVE...
THAT'S RIGHT.
LET THAT HAPPEN.
IT'S GOING TO TAKE A LITTLE WHILE FOR ME TO RECOVER FROM THAT INCIDENT.
HE WAS REALLY ROUGH WITH ME!
AND FURTHERMORE...
HE'S OBVIOUSLY NOT A VIRGIN
MOTHER, NATSUME HAS FAINTED IN THE BATH!

HEY, YAMABE
HAVE YOU RECOVERED FROM YOUR COLD?
YES, I'M FINE NOW.
THE END OF TERM TESTS START TOMORROW. DON'T YOU THINK THE RAIN FITS IN WITH THE MOOD?
SO HE FELT LIKE COMING TO SCHOOL.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE IT LAST RAINED. IT'S MADE THE AIR COLDER.

ARE YOU OKAY? YOUR FACE SEEMS SOMEWHAT STIFF.
IT... IT DOES?
BUT...
ANYWAY... WE SHOULD BE GLAD HE'S FEELING BETTER ABOUT THINGS.
IT'S COMPLICATED BEING A VIRGIN.
confused thoughts
can't stop thinking
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OOPS
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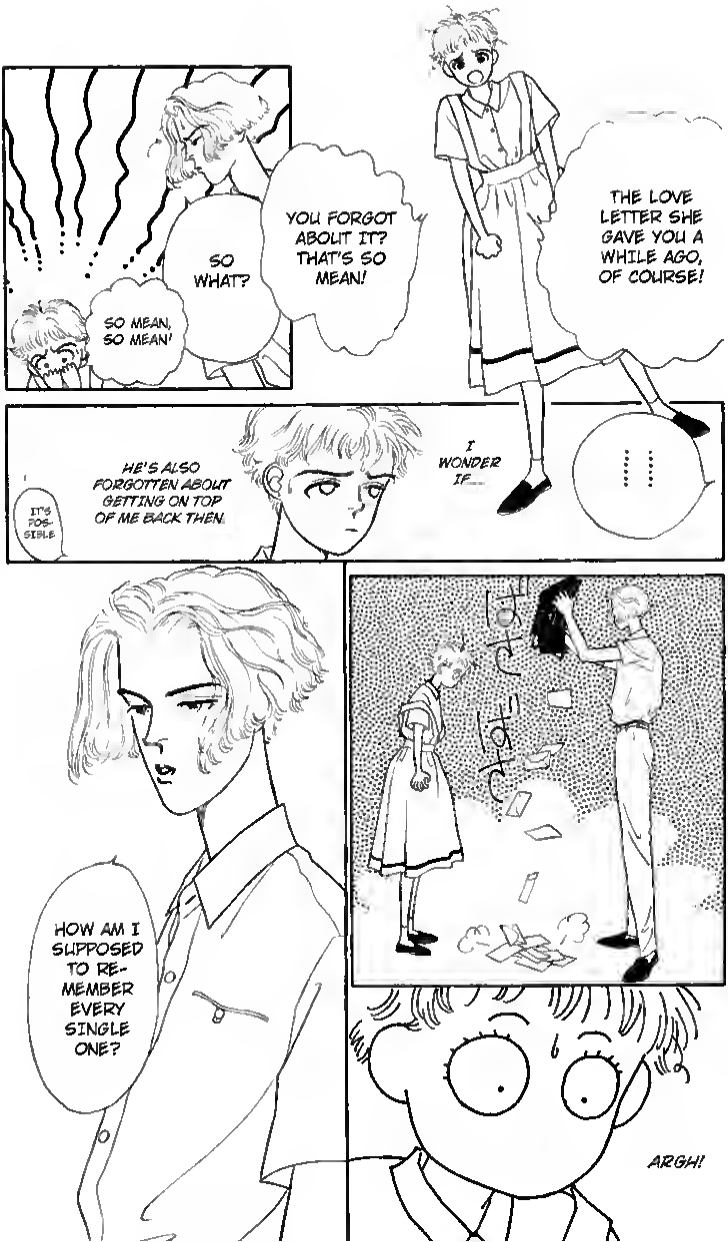
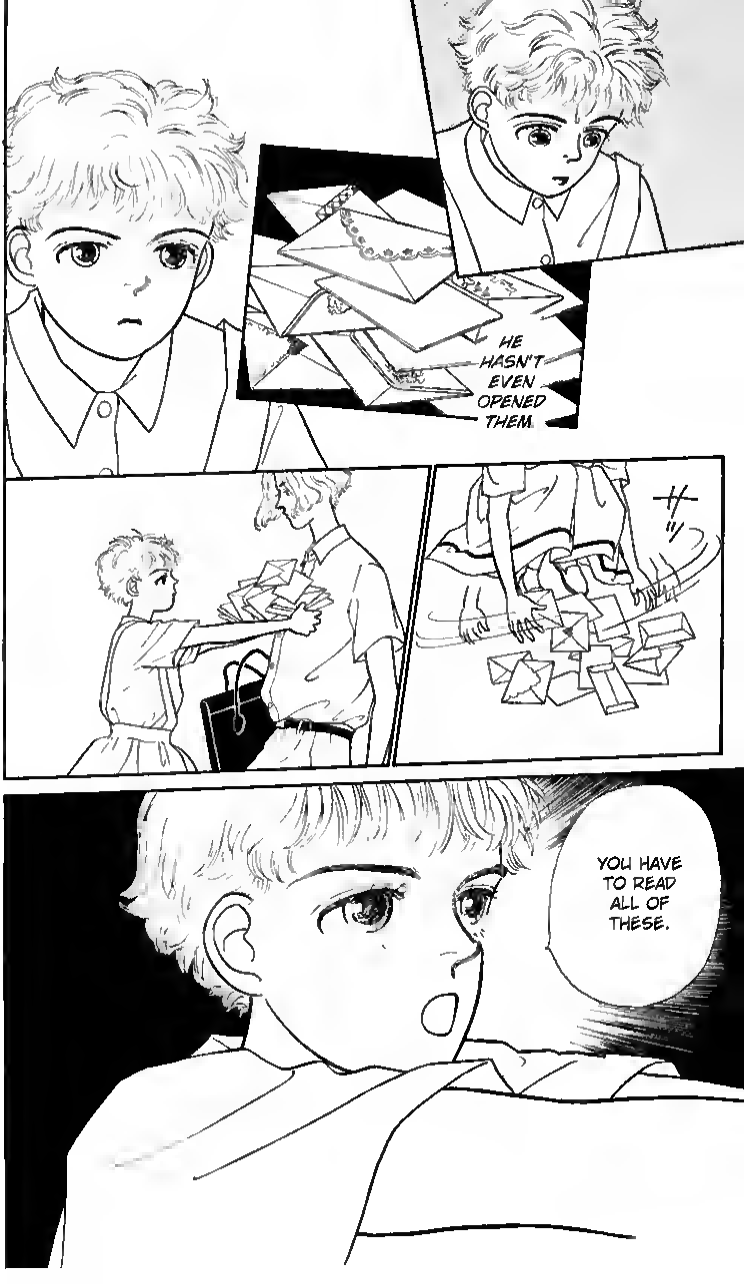
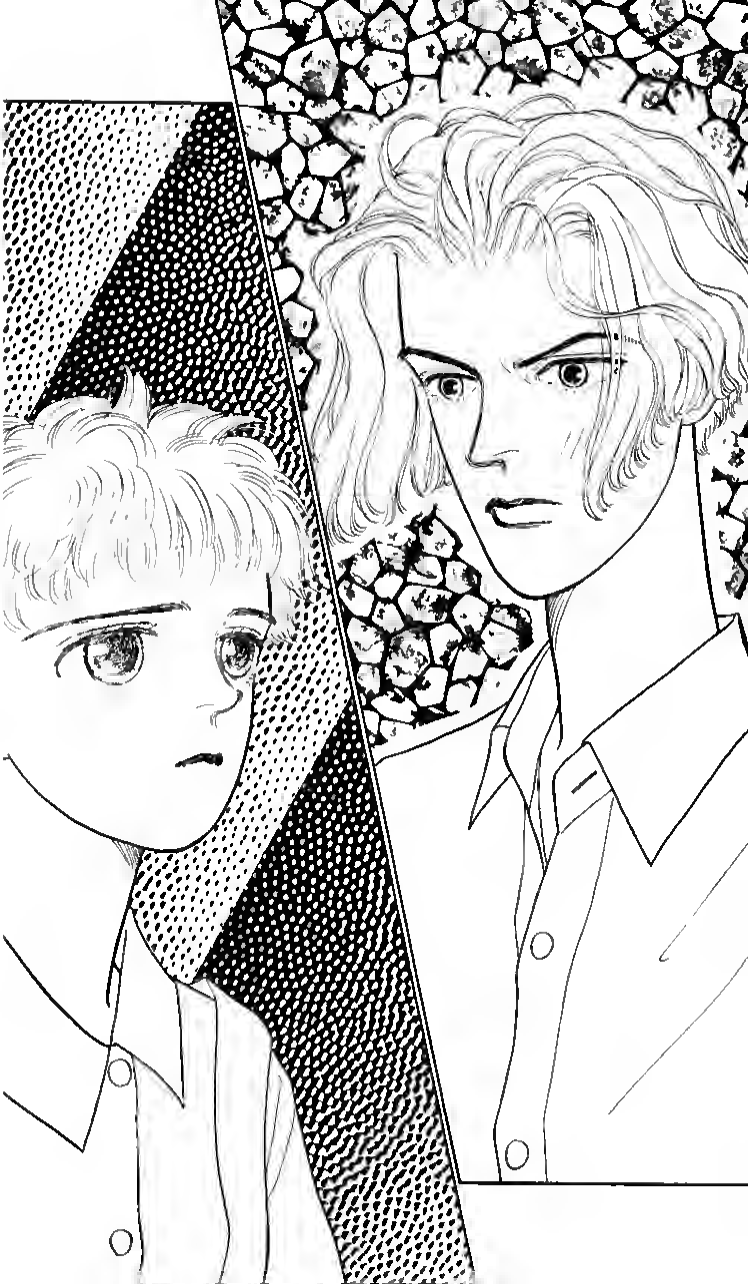
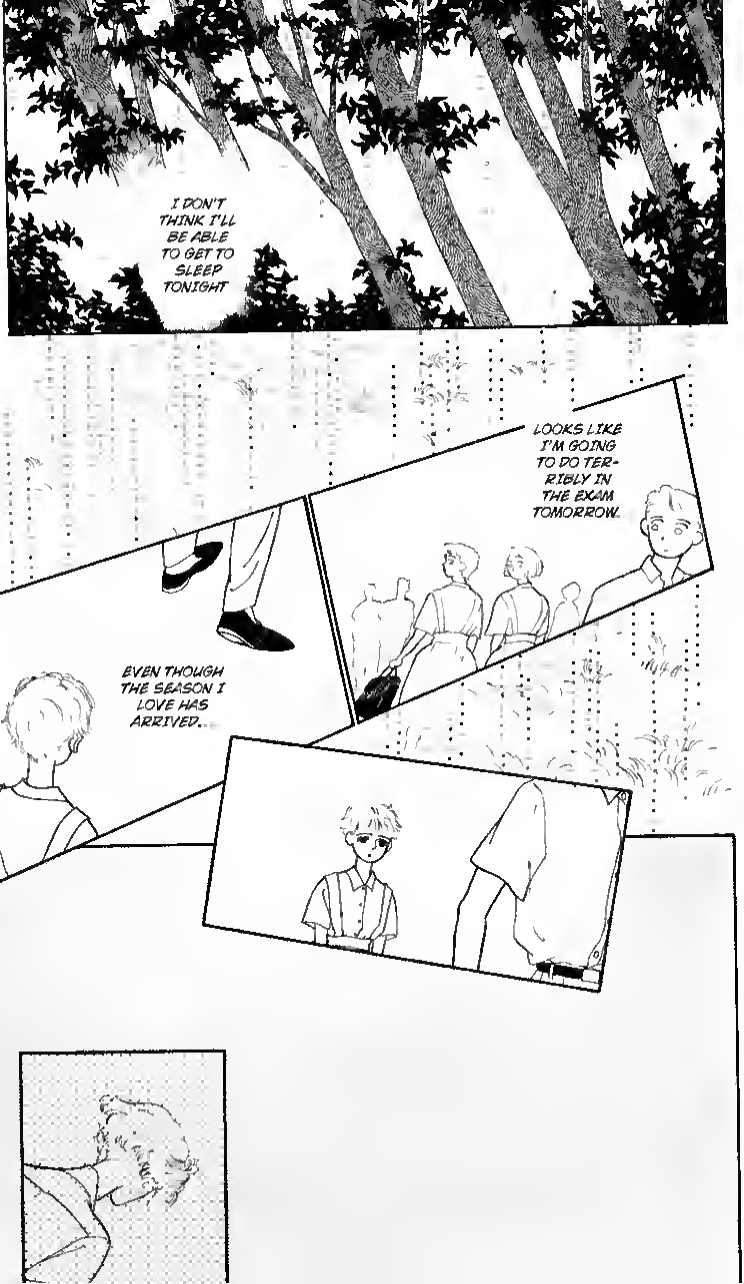
BUT SHE WAS CRYING!
NOTHING MUCH
RUI-KUN, WHAT DID YOU SAY TO THAT GIRL?
AND I SAID "WHAT LETTER?" THAT'S ALL.
SHE ASKED ME IF I HAD READ THE LETTER SHE GAVE ME.


SO MEAN, SO MEAN!
SO WHAT?
YOU FORGOT ABOUT IT? THAT'S SO MEAN!
THE LOVE LETTER SHE GAVE YOU A WHILE AGO, OF COURSE!
IT'S POSSIBLE
HE'S ALSO FORGOTTEN ABOUT GETTING ON TOP OF ME BACK THEN.
I WONDER IF...
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO REMEMBER EVERY SINGLE ONE?
ARGH!

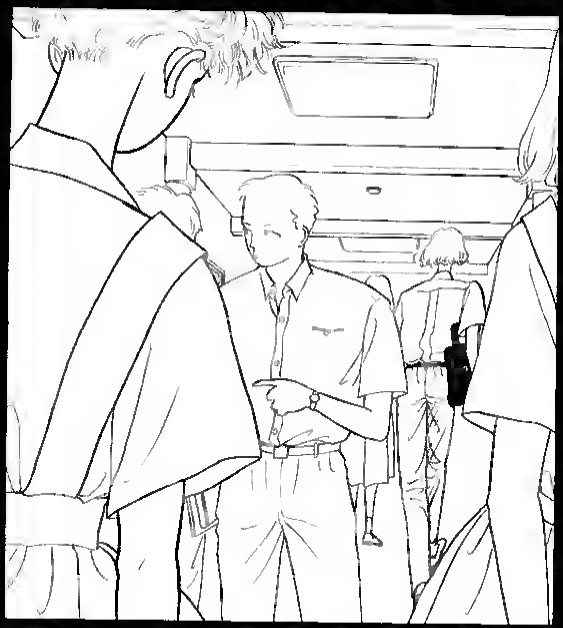

HE HASN'T EVEN OPENED THEM.
YOU HAVE TO READ ALL OF THESE.

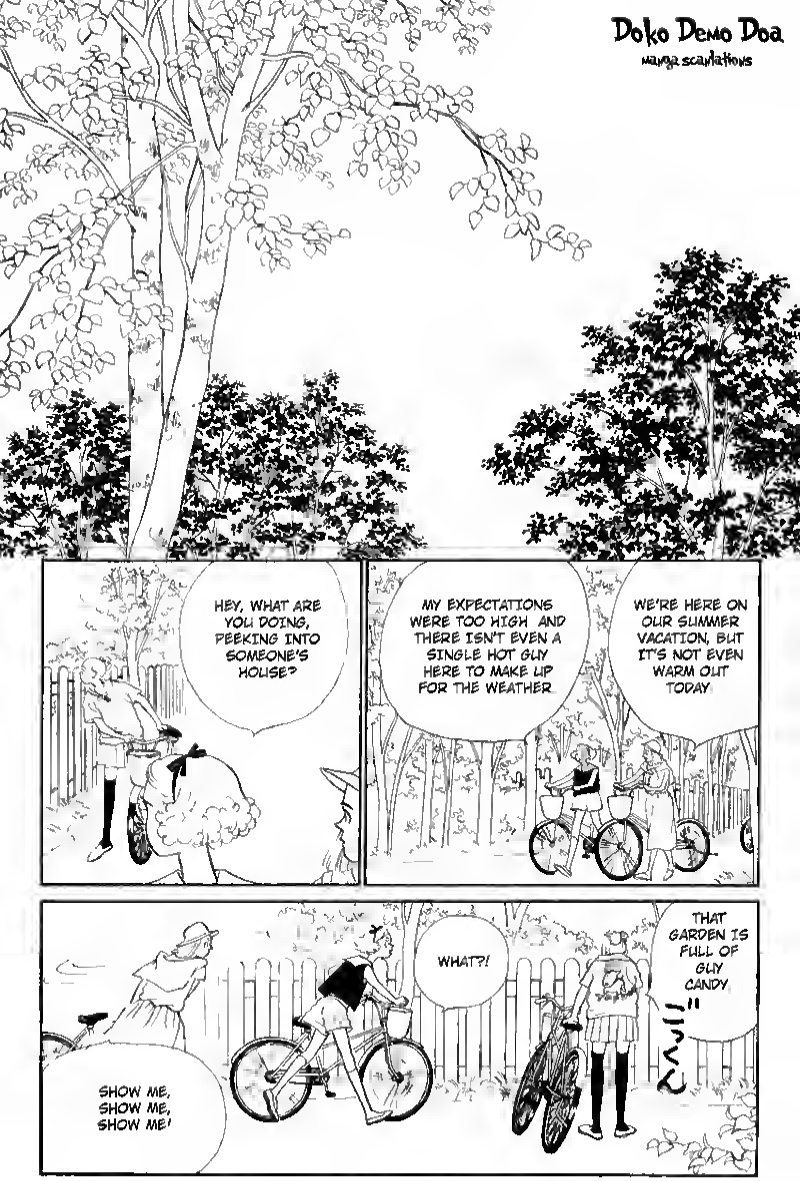
WILL YOU HAVE ANYTHING BETTER TO DO WHEN YOU SHUT YOURSELF INSIDE YOUR ROOM THIS SUMMER?
YOU'RE JOKING, RIGHT?
THESE LETTERS CONTAIN GIRLS' CONFESSIONS AND FEELINGS
AND YOU DEFINITELY NEED TO THINK MORE ABOUT THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS, RUI-KUN




I DON'T THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO GET TO SLEEP TONIGHT
LOOKS LIKE I'M GOING TO DO TERRIBLY IN THE EXAM TOMORROW.
EVEN THOUGH THE SEASON I LOVE HAS ARRIVED.

I'M FEELING TOTALLY GLOOMY




HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING, PEEKING INTO SOMEONE'S HOUSE?
MY EXPECTATIONS WERE TOO HIGH AND THERE ISN'T EVEN A SINGLE HOT GUY HERE TO MAKE UP FOR THE WEATHER.
WE'RE HERE ON OUR SUMMER VACATION, BUT IT'S NOT EVEN WARM OUT TODAY.
WHAT?!
THAT GARDEN IS FULL OF GUY CANDY.
SHOW ME, SHOW ME, SHOW ME!

I WIN! A KING AND THE 8 OF SPADES

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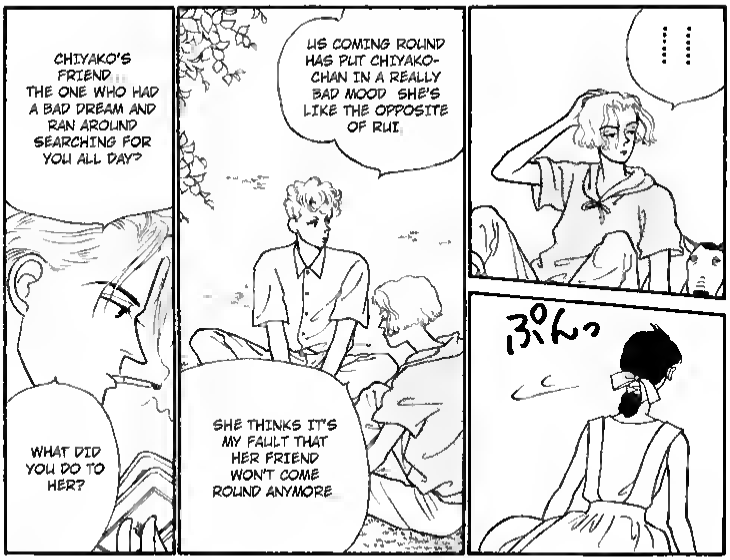
CHIYAKO'S FRIEND THE ONE WHO HAD A BAD DREAM AND RAN AROUND SEARCHING FOR YOU ALL DAY?
WHAT DID YOU DO TO HER?
HIS COMING ROUND HAS PUT CHIYAKO-CHAN IN A REALLY BAD MOOD SHE'S LIKE THE OPPOSITE OF RUI.
SHE THINKS IT'S MY FAULT THAT HER FRIEND WON'T COME ROUND ANYMORE
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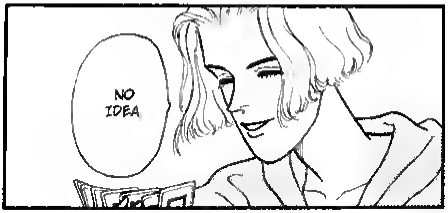
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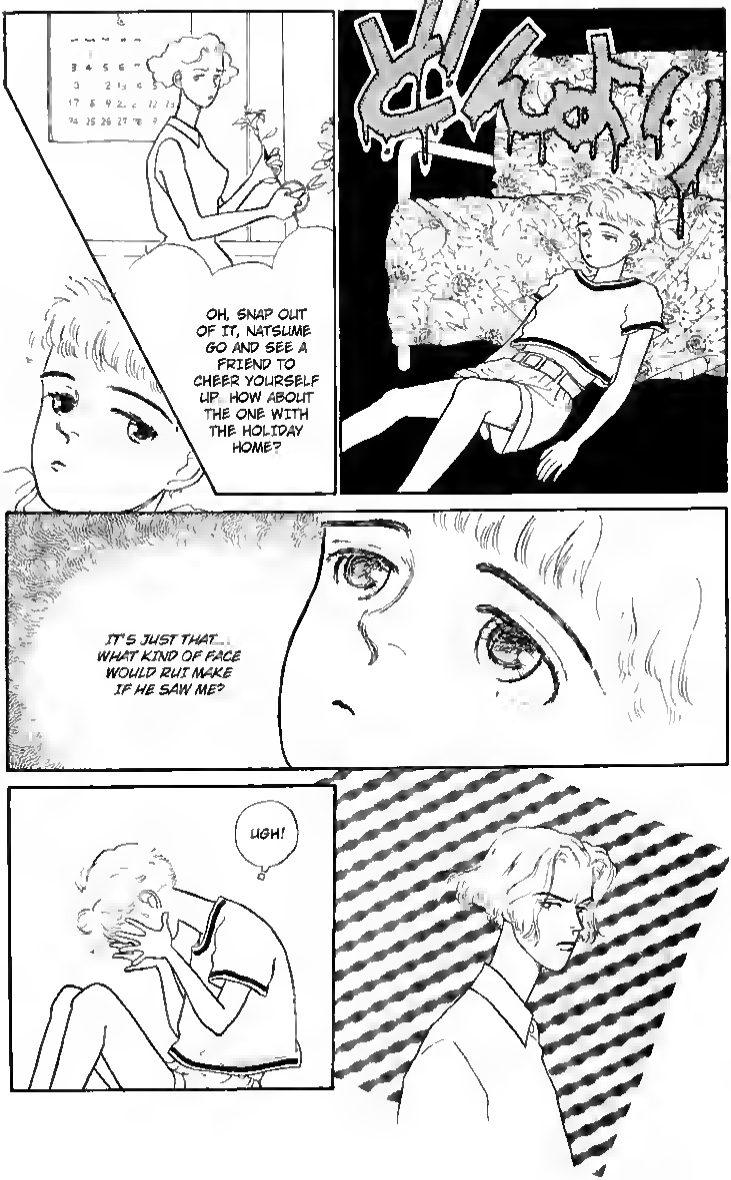
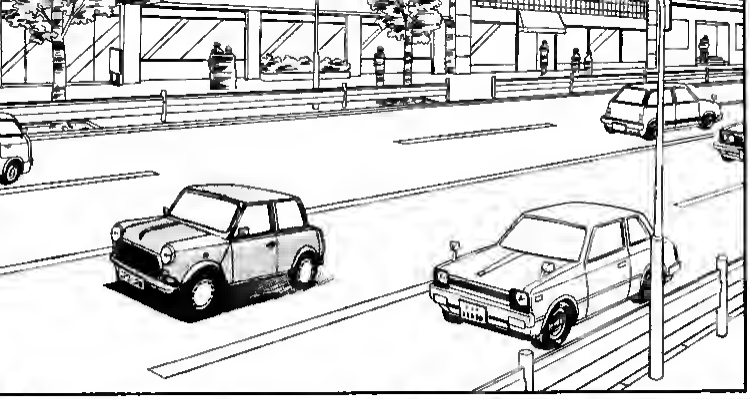
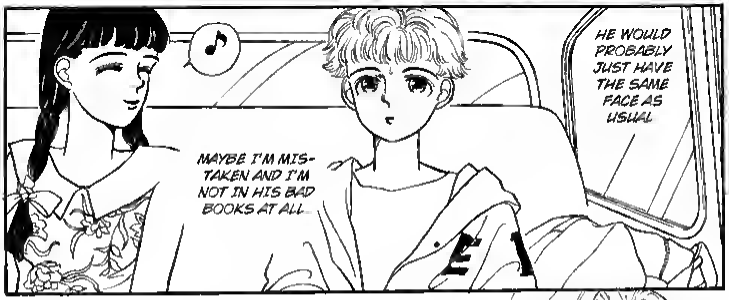
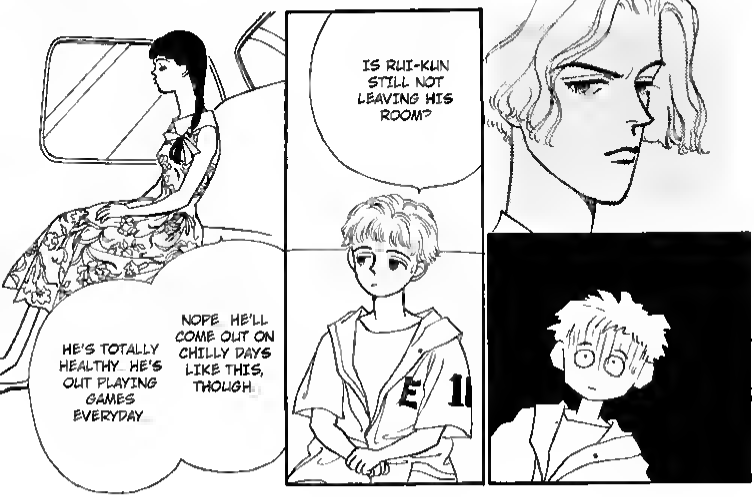

OH, SNAP OUT OF IT, NATSUME GO AND SEE A FRIEND TO CHEER YOURSELF UP. HOW ABOUT THE ONE WITH THE HOLIDAY HOME?
IT'S JUST THAT... WHAT KIND OF FACE WOULD RUI MAKE IF HE SAW ME?
UGH!

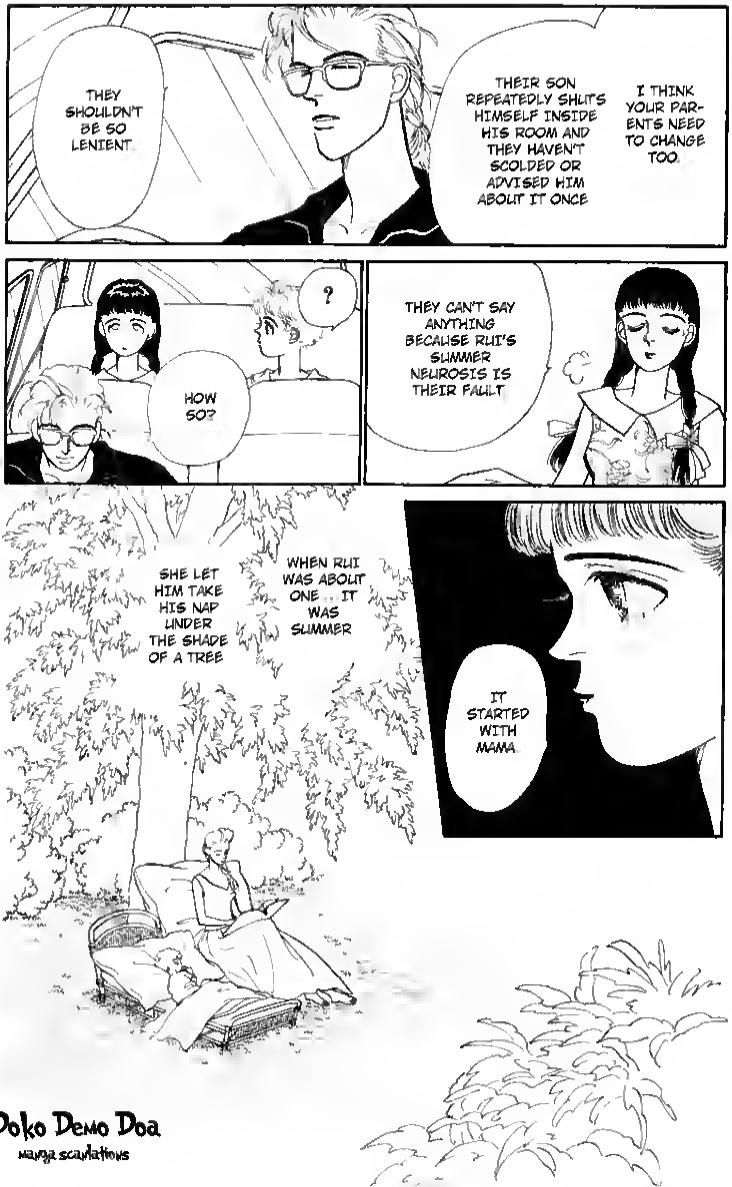
KITANO INDO Co
OUTSIDE! OUTSIDE!
SIS!
WHAT ?
NATSUME!

CHIYAKO!
UEDA-SAN SAID HE HAD SOMETHING TO DO IN TOKYO AND HE OFFERED TO TAKE US WITH HIM!
I THOUGHT I'D GET BORED IF I WENT ALONE,
SO I THOUGHT I'D INVITE NATSUME ALONG, TOO.
SO WILL YOU COME WITH ME? PLEASE?
"I REALLY, REALLY, REALLY WANT TO COME."
IS WHAT'S WRITTEN ALL OVER HER FACE




MAYBE I'M MIS-TAKEN AND I'M NOT IN HIS BAD BOOKS AT ALL
HE WOULD PROBABLY JUST HAVE THE SAME FACE AS USUAL


HE'S TOTALLY HEALTHY. HE'S OUT PLAYING GAMES EVERYDAY
NOPE. HE'LL COME OUT ON CHILLY DAYS LIKE THIS, THOUGH.
IS RUI-KUN STILL NOT LEAVING HIS ROOM?


THEY SHOULDN'T BE SO LENIENT
THEIR SON REPEATEDLY SHUTS HIMSELF INSIDE HIS ROOM AND THEY HAVEN'T SCOLDED OR ADVISED HIM ABOUT IT ONCE
I THINK YOUR PARENTS NEED TO CHANGE TOO
?
HOW SO?
THEY CAN'T SAY ANYTHING BECAUSE RUI'S SUMMER NEUROSIS IS THEIR FAULT
SHE LET HIM TAKE HIS NAP UNDER THE SHADE OF A TREE
WHEN RUI WAS ABOUT ONE... IT WAS SUMMER
IT STARTED WITH MAMA

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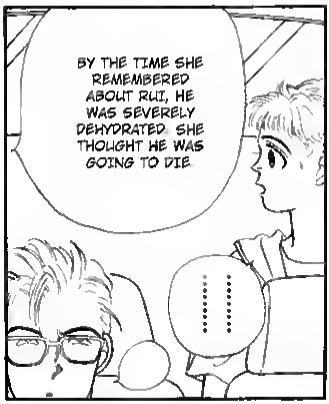
SHE LEFT HIM FOR A WHILE BECAUSE SHE WAS ON THE PHONE FOR A LONG TIME.


BY THE TIME SHE REMEMBERED ABOUT RUI, HE WAS SEVERELY DEHYDRATED. SHE THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO DIE.
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BEFORE SHE KNEW IT, THE SUNLIGHT HAD PASSED THROUGH THE SHADE AND BURNED HIM.

BUT THE SUMMER DISASTERS DIDN'T END THERE

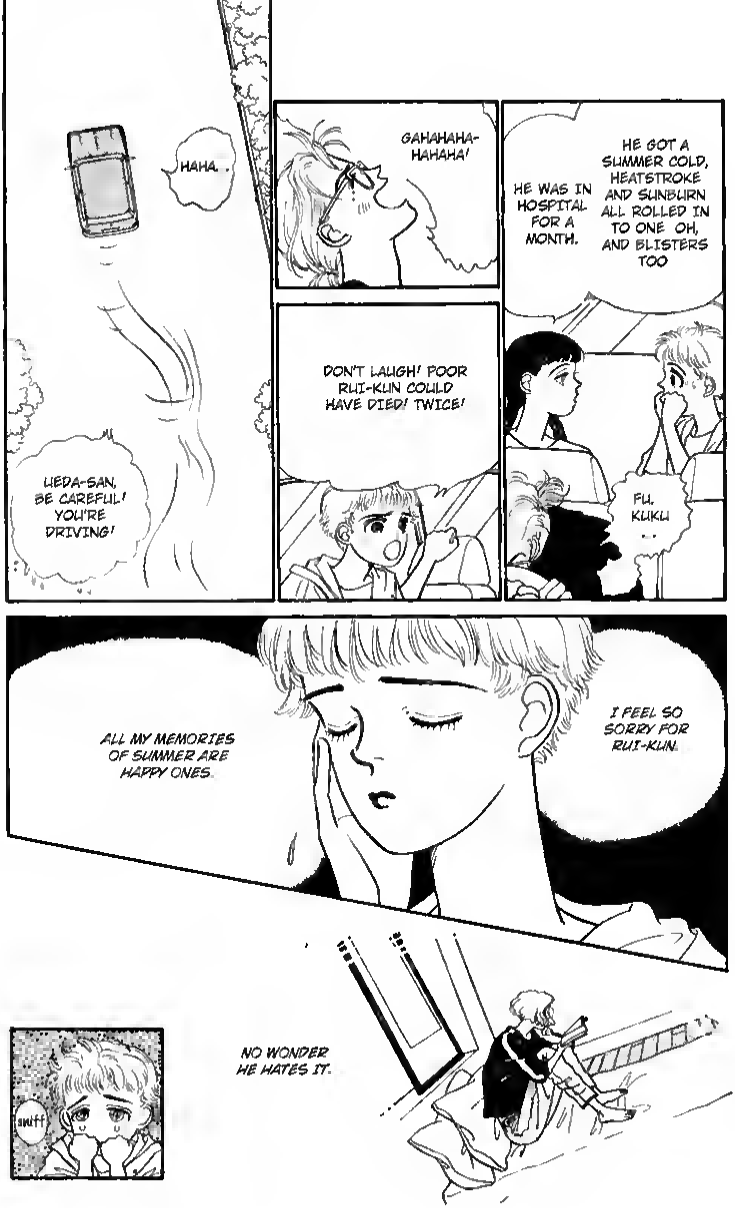
DURING RUI'S 4TH SUMMER, PAPA DRAGGED HIM OFF ON AN EXPEDITION

SEEING HIS SON'S PALE FACE AND DECIDING WHAT HE SHOULD DO ABOUT IT, PAPA READ SOME ADVENTURE BOOKS

SUDDENLY CLIMBING MOUNTAINS AND SAILING THE SEAS WAS TOO MUCH FOR RUI

RATHER THAN BECOMING TOM SAWYER*, HE BECAME AN INVALID.

*Tom Sawyer is a character in The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn , as well as three other Mark Twain novels.


HAHA..
UEDA-SAN, BE CAREFUL! YOU'RE DRIVING!
GAHAHAHA-HAHAHA!
DON'T LAUGH! POOR RUI-KUN COULD HAVE DIED! TWICE!
HE WAS IN HOSPITAL FOR A MONTH.
HE GOT A SUMMER COLD, HEATSTROKE AND SUNBURN ALL ROLLED IN TO ONE. OH, AND BLISTERS TOO
FU, KUKU..
ALL MY MEMORIES OF SUMMER ARE HAPPY ONES.
I FEEL SO SORRY FOR RUI-KUN.
NO WONDER HE HATES IT.
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AHHH... I LOST AGAIN...
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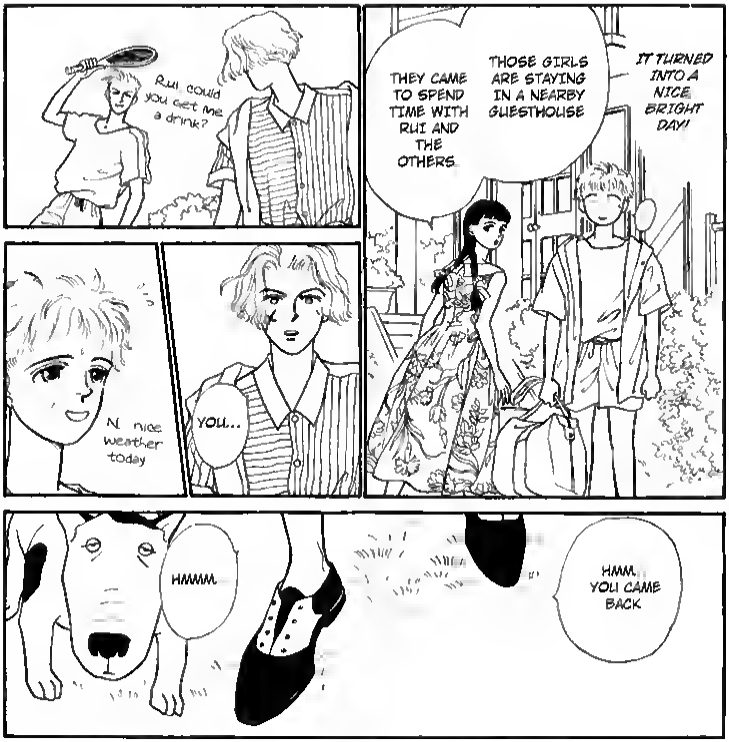
Rui, could you get me a drink?
IT TURNED INTO A NICE, BRIGHT DAY!
THOSE GIRLS ARE STAYING IN A NEARBY GUESTHOUSE
THEY CAME TO SPEND TIME WITH RUI AND THE OTHERS.
N nice weather today
YOU...
HMMM.
HMM. YOU CAME BACK

WHAT'S THIS STRANGE FEELING?

HE'S HANDSOME, BUT HE'S THAT TYPE OF GUY.
IT'S BEST NOT TO LET HIM HELP YOU. ALL HE'D TEACH YOU WOULD BE DIRTY WORDS
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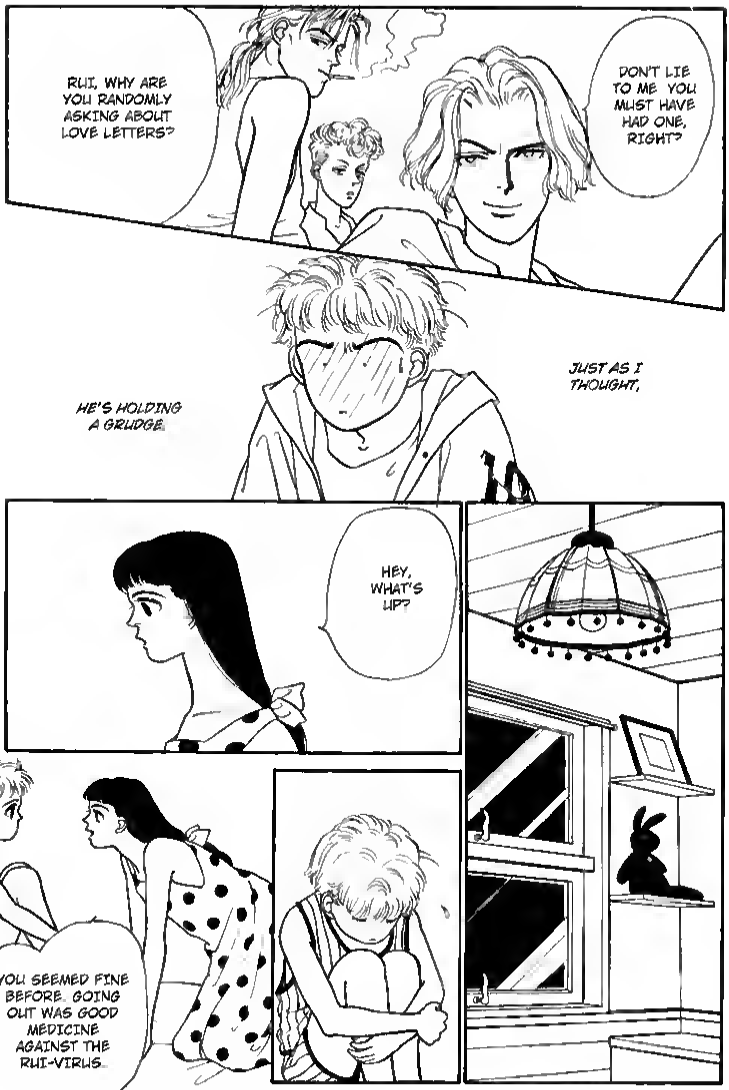
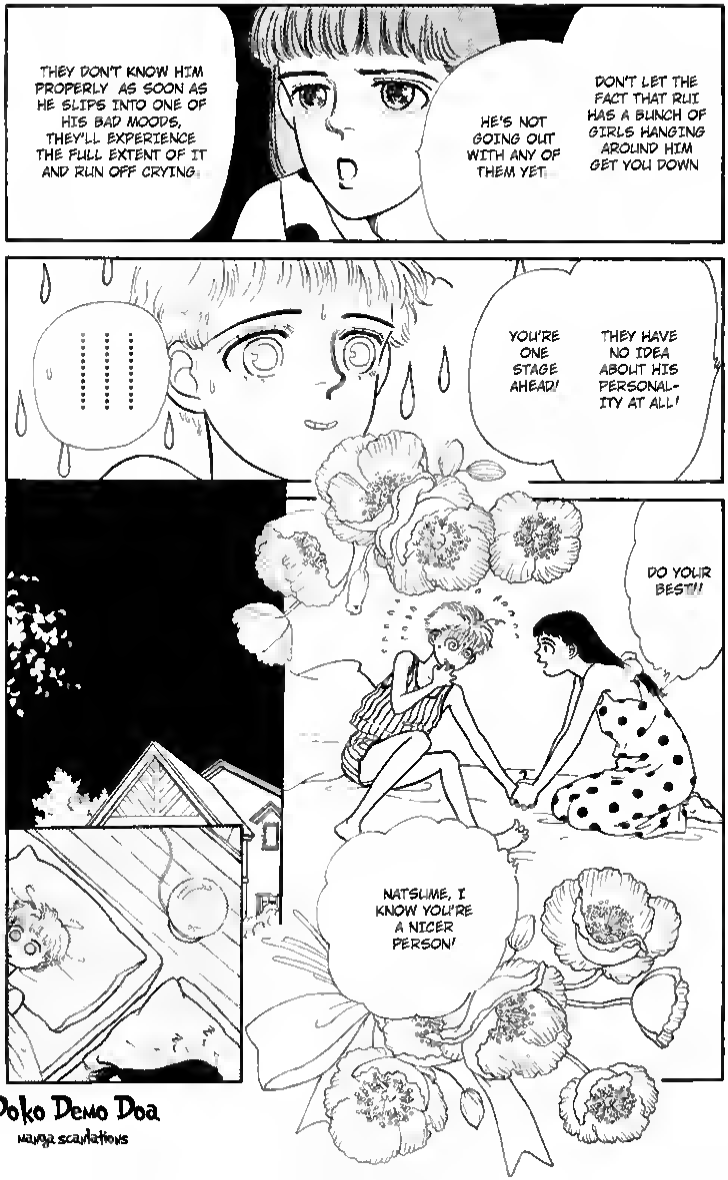
IF IT'S ENGLISH HOMEWORK, THEN I'LL DEFINITELY BE ABLE TO HELP YOU OUT!
HERE TO DO HOMEWORK?
MY, IF IT ISN'T NATSUME! WELCOME!
THANKS.
NO, BUT...
NOT EVEN ONE?
NO...
HAVE YOU EVER RECEIVED A LOVE LETTER?


RUI, WHY ARE YOU RANDOMLY ASKING ABOUT LOVE LETTERS?
DON'T LIE TO ME. YOU MUST HAVE HAD ONE, RIGHT?
JUST AS I THOUGHT.
HE'S HOLDING A GRUDGE.
HEY, WHAT'S UP?
YOU SEEMED FINE BEFORE. GOING OUT WAS GOOD MEDICINE AGAINST THE RUI-VIRUS.


DON'T LET THE FACT THAT RUI HAS A BUNCH OF GIRLS HANGING AROUND HIM GET YOU DOWN
HE'S NOT GOING OUT WITH ANY OF THEM YET.
THEY DON'T KNOW HIM PROPERLY AS SOON AS HE SLIPS INTO ONE OF HIS BAD MOODS, THEY'LL EXPERIENCE THE FULL EXTENT OF IT AND RUN OFF CRYING.
THEY HAVE NO IDEA ABOUT HIS PERSONALITY AT ALL!
YOU'RE ONE STAGE AHEAD!
DO YOUR BEST!!
NATSUME, I KNOW YOU'RE A NICER PERSON!

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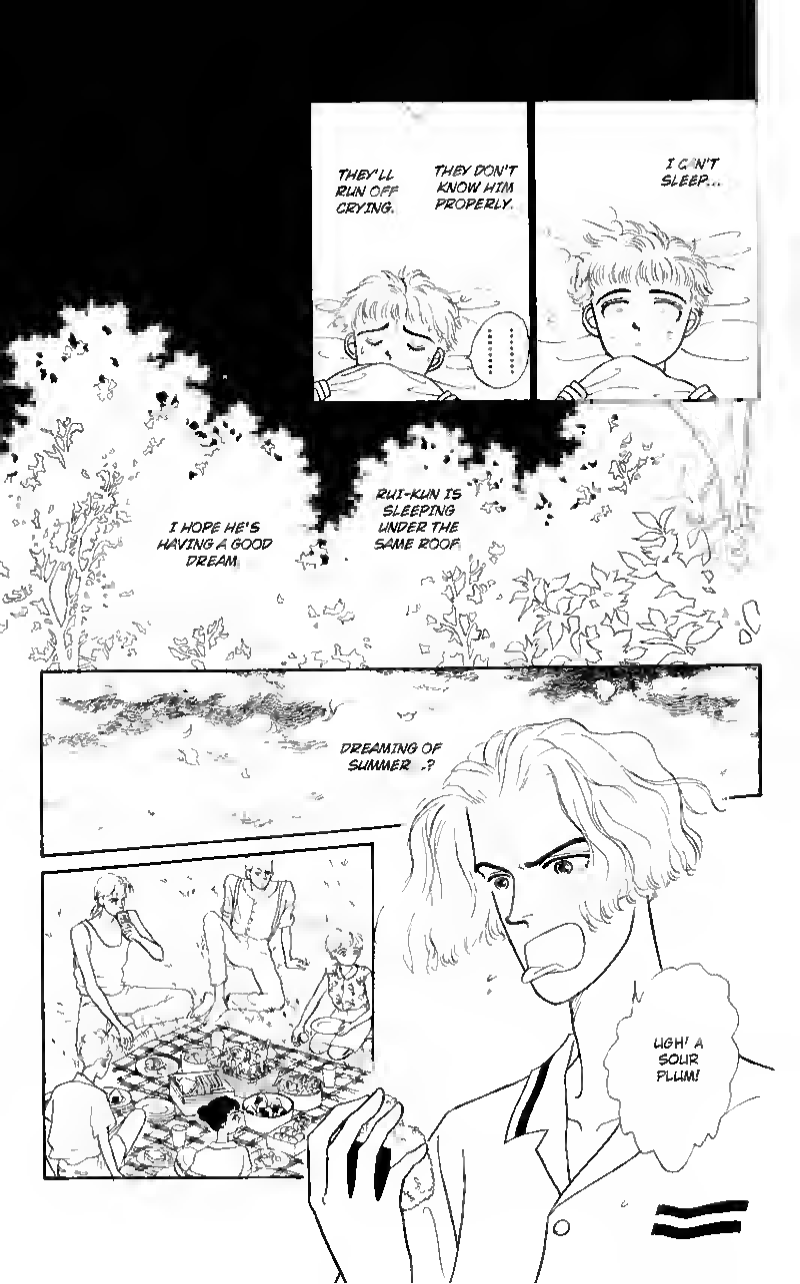
THEY'LL RUN OFF CRYING.
THEY DON'T KNOW HIM PROPERLY.
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I C'N'T SLEEP...
RUI-KUN IS SLEEPING UNDER THE SAME ROOF.
I HOPE HE'S HAVING A GOOD DREAM.
DREAMING OF SUMMER ..?
UGH! A SOUR PLUM!

UGH! UGH!
THEY'RE SOUR AND BITTER.
AND DISGUST-ING!
THAT'S A FUNNY FACE.
I TAKE IT YOU DON'T LIKE SOUR PLUMS THEN, RUI-KUN?
*onigiri = riceballs
ANYWAY, YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID YOU WANTED ONIGIRI* FOR THE PICNIC!
IF YOU DON'T LIKE THEM, DON'T EAT THEM!
RUI! STOP IT!
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THESE SLIPPERS REALLY EXIST. GYAHAHA-HAHA!

I WONDER IF I SHOULD GET THESE AS A SOUVENIR FOR MY BROTHER
RUI-KUN! THESE SLIPPERS ARE THE SPITTING IMAGE OF...
P-HELPER.
SHOW GIRL
UEDA
HAHA. SILLY ME. I REALLY SHOULD WATCH WHERE I'M GOING...
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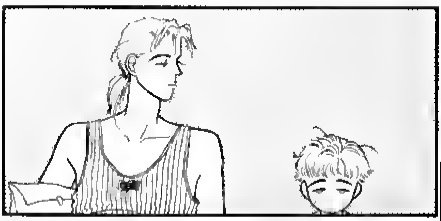
I DON'T MIND HERE.

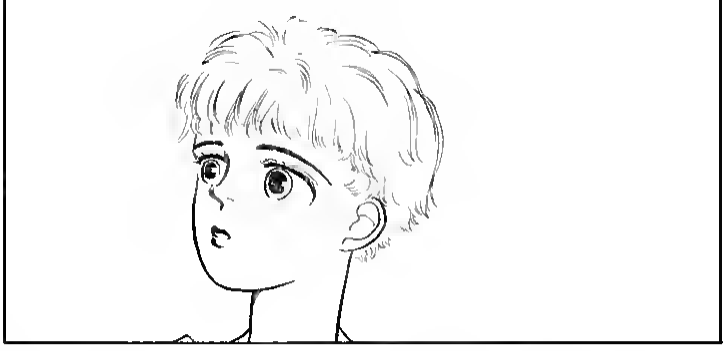
YOU HAVE TOO MUCH TO CARRY I'LL TAKE SOME OF THE BAGS FROM YOU.
NO, IT'S FINE, HONESTLY...

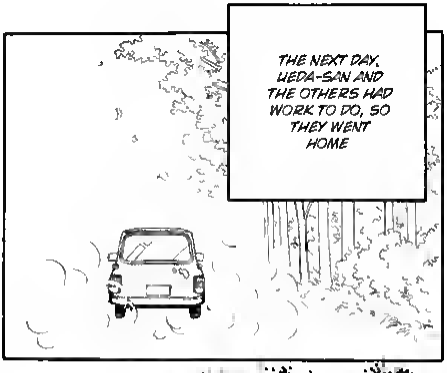
YOU FELL DOWN. ARE YOU OKAY?

THANK YOU



LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE ALSO FINDING THIS HARD WORK




THE NEXT DAY, UEDA-SAN AND THE OTHERS HAD WORK TO DO, SO THEY WENT HOME

FINALLY, THE WEATHER HAS BECOME MORE SUMMERY!
MAMA HAS GONE TO A HOT SPRING WITH HER FRIENDS. SHE WAS WAITING UNTIL THE WEATHER GOT NICER.

RUI-KUUUUN!
WILL YOU COME OUT?
RUI-KUUUUN! WE HAVE TO GO HOME TODAY, YOU KNOW?
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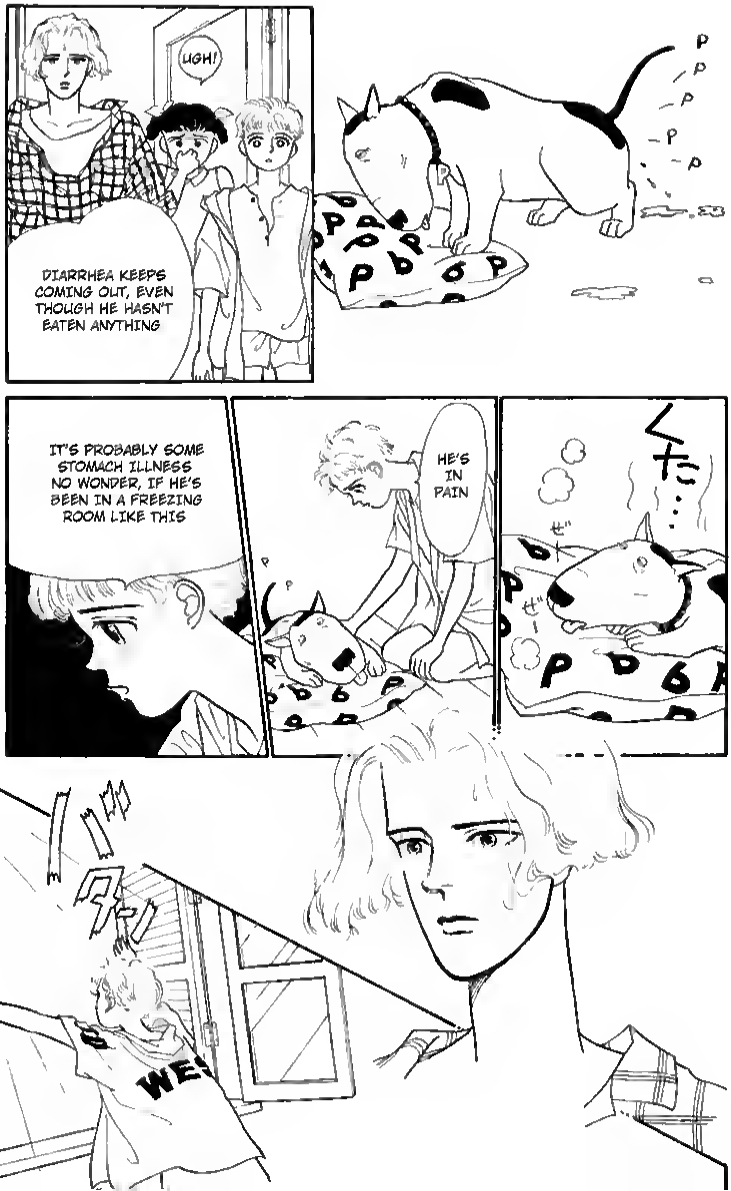
NO, HOW COME?
CHIYAKO!! DO YOU KNOW A NEARBY VET?!


UGH!
DIARRHEA KEEPS COMING OUT, EVEN THOUGH HE HASN'T EATEN ANYTHING
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IT'S PROBABLY SOME STOMACH ILLNESS NO WONDER, IF HE'S BEEN IN A FREEZING ROOM LIKE THIS
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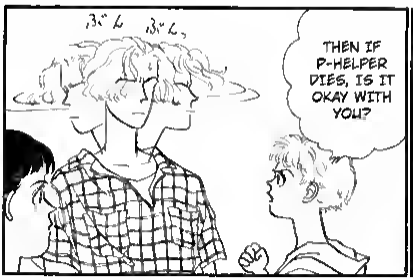
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THEN IF P-HELPER DIES, IS IT OKAY WITH YOU?

UGH.
IT'S TOO HOT
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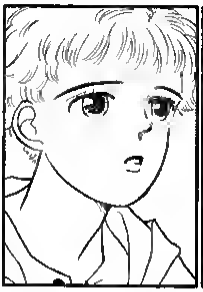

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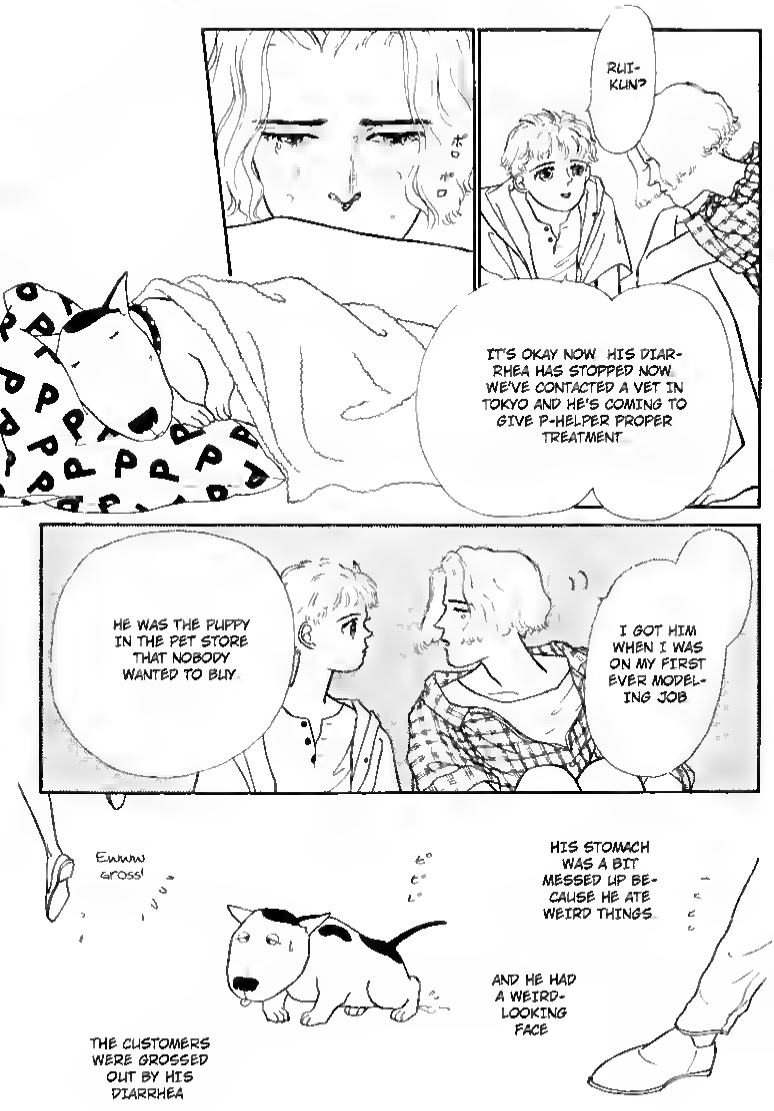
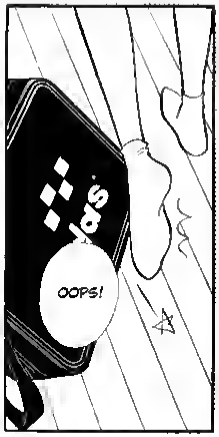

RUI-KUN?
IT'S OKAY NOW. HIS DIARRHEA HAS STOPPED NOW. WE'VE CONTACTED A VET IN TOKYO AND HE'S COMING TO GIVE P-HELPER PROPER TREATMENT.
HE WAS THE PUPPY IN THE PET STORE THAT NOBODY WANTED TO BUY.
I GOT HIM WHEN I WAS ON MY FIRST EVER MODELING JOB.
Ewww gross!
THE CUSTOMERS WERE GROSSED OUT BY HIS DIARRHEA
HIS STOMACH WAS A BIT MESSED UP BECAUSE HE ATE WEIRD THINGS.
AND HE HAD A WEIRD-LOOKING FACE

HE WAS ALWAYS LOITERING AROUND ME, THOUGH
THE STAFF THERE TREATED THE OTHER DOGS BETTER.
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU LIKE DOGS P-HELPER MUST HAVE SENSED THAT
THEY'RE A PAIN IN THE ASS
ARE YOU KIDDING ME? I FRICKIN' HATE DOGS
BUT I FELT LIKE HE WAS DIFFERENT TO THE OTHERS.
I DON'T KNOW HOW, BUT
LIKE HE WAS SPECIAL IN SOME WAY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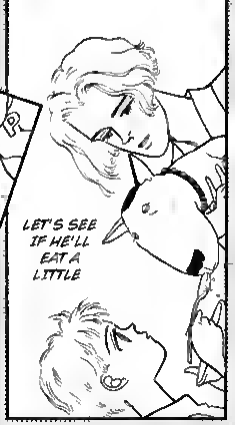
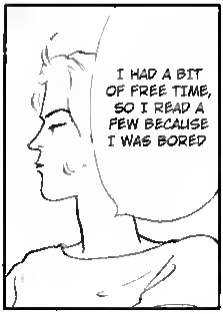
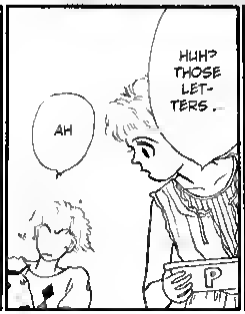

LET'S SEE IF HE'LL EAT A LITTLE


I HAD A BIT OF FREE TIME, SO I READ A FEW BECAUSE I WAS BORED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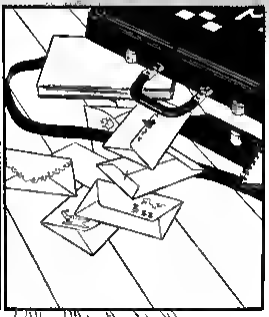
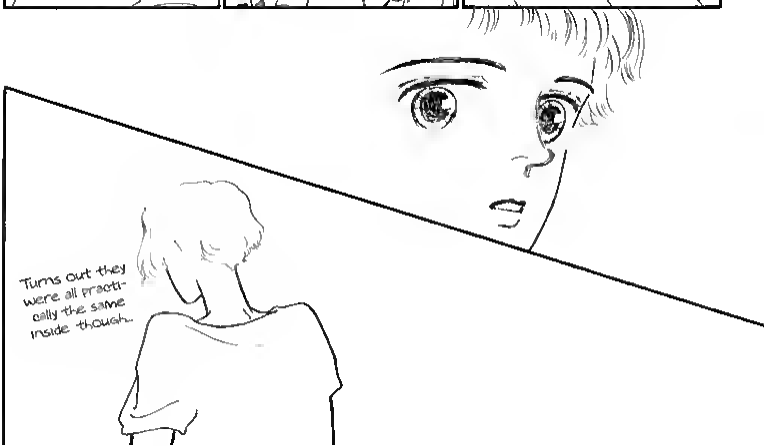
HUH? THOSE LET-TERS..




Turns out they were all practically the same inside though.

YOU REALLY DID DO YOUR BEST THESE PAST 3 DAYS, NATSUME.
RUI-KUN...
...IS TRULY AMAZING.
THE AMAZING ONE IS RUI-KUN. HE'S PUTTING UP WITH THE HEAT AND HASN'T USED ANY OF THOSE AIR CONDITIONING DEVICES OF HIS.
HAHAHA. THAT REALLY SUITS YOU, P-HELPER.
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YOU SHOULD MAKE THE WAIST-BAND PER-MANENT
...
...WHAT?
RUI!!

I'VE BEEN OUT IN THE SUNSHINE A LITTLE TOO LONG.
WHAT'S UP? YOU DON'T SEEM YOURSELF. ARE YOU IN SHOCK FROM LEAVING THE HOUSE?!
KYAAA! I MISSED YOU!
I CAME STRAIGHT HERE FROM NARITA AIRPORT!
OH, THAT'S RIGHT. YOU DON'T GO OUT TO PLAY IN THE SUMMER, DO YOU?
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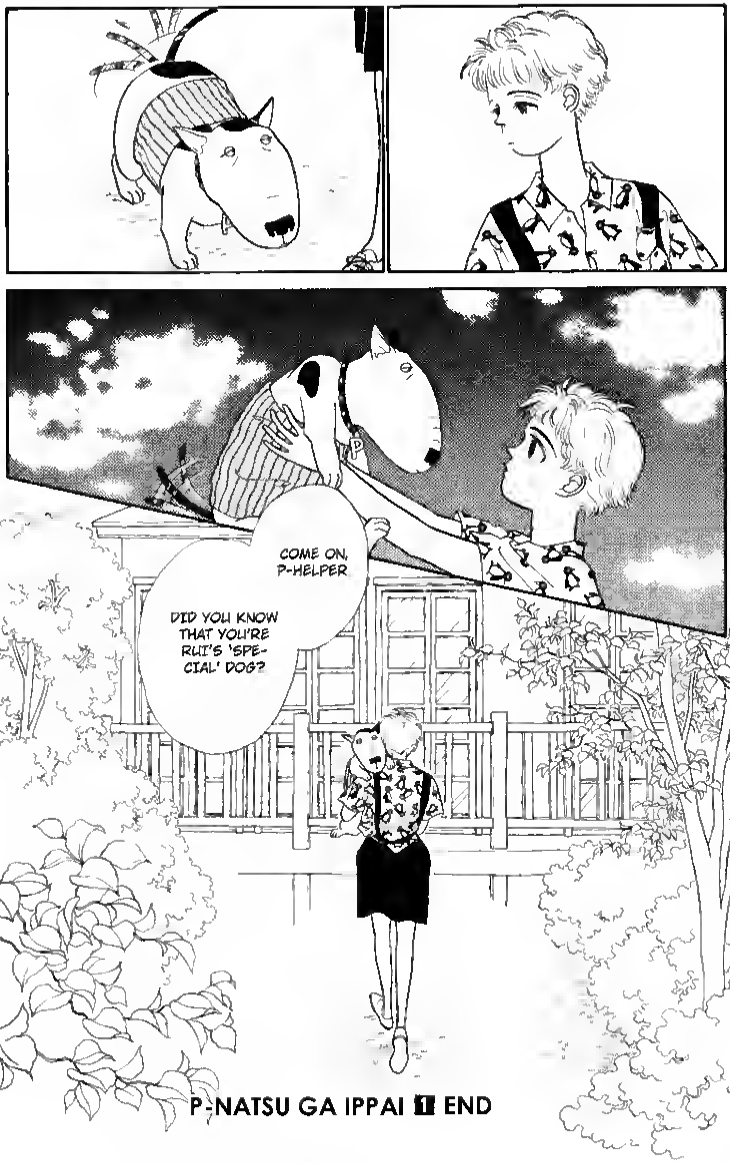
HOW WAS THE TRIP?
SINCE RUI WASN'T THERE, IT WAS REALLY BORING.
HEY, HEY! I BOUGHT LOTS OF SOUVENIRS FOR YOU!



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